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Graham James, accused sex offender, arrives at court in Winnipeg Tuesday for sentencing for sexually abusing two of his former players. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ex-coach gets two years for sex abuse

Junior hockey. Judge took almost an hour and a half to outline reasons for Graham James' sentence

Reviled one-time junior hockey coach Graham James was sentenced to two years in prison Tuesday for sexually preying on two of his former players.

A spectator in the courtroom shouted "Yay," then spat out an expletive as James shook his lawyer's hand, was led away in handcuffs and taken into custody.

"Goodbye, you piece of (expletive)," the man said after Judge Catherine Carlson handed down her sentence.

Carlson made James stand up in the prisoner's box to hear his fate. He showed no emotion and simply answered "yes" when she asked him if he understood the sentence.

James pleaded guilty in December to repeatedly sexually abusing former Calgary Flames star Theo Fleury and his cousin, Todd Holt, when they played for him in the Western Hockey League in the 1980s and '90s.

Carlson ordered that James have no contact with either of them.

Holt, 39, responded immediately with disappointment.

"This sentence today is nothing short of a national travesty because we know that childhood abuse has reached epidemic proportions in our country," he read from a statement at a news conference in Cochrane, Alta.

Carlson characterized the case as complicated, but indicated that probation alone was not an option. She acknowledged the significant attention the case garnered and the understandable public outrage it generated. "There is no sentence this court can impose that will give back to Mr. Holt and Mr. Fleury that which was taken by Mr. James," she said.

"Obviously, it's not a sentence we all want to see," victim Sheldon Kennedy said outside the courthouse.

"At least he's going back to jail." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Victim's stance

"I believe this is something that I'm going to have to fight for the rest of my life. Until they can invent a pill that controls what you dream at night or what you have as a nightmare, you are never really over this stuff." **Greg Gilhooly,** whose charges against Graham James were stayed

Occupy Calgary awarded

Movement recognized by the Unitarian Church of Calgary for services provided to benefit social justice

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Suspicious death

RCMP investigate after body of unidentified man found near Cross Iron Mills

Airdrie RCMP are investigating a suspicious death Tuesday, after a man was found on the side of the road near Cross Iron Mills Mall, just north of the city.

The man was found shortly after 10 a.m. lying beside Cross Iron Drive, southeast of the mall.

RCMP said the man is believed to be non-white and about 25 to 35 years old.

Emergency crews were notified by a passerby.

EMS made efforts to resuscitate the man, but attempts were unsuccessful and the man was declared deceased at the scene.

The identity of the man has not been determined.

Cause of death has also not been determined, pending results from the medical examiner, which may be released as early as Wednesday.

The man was on the same road as the Nexen Inc. plant, but Mounties said they do not believe there is a relationship between the death and the plant.

Calgary RCMP major crimes unit, along with Airdrie RCMP, continue to investigate.

Anyone with any information is encouraged to contact the Airdrie RCMP or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or www.crimestoppers.ab.ca

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Dozens of parents waited anxiously in the wings while Calgary public-board trustees debated the merits of closing Roland Michener School. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Parents applaud CBE decision to save Roland Michener

Education. Grappling with dwindling enrolment, public school trustees voted to save northeast Calgary school

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Tears of relief streamed down the faces of several parents Tuesday evening as school-board trustees declared their support to keep a northeast elementary school open.

In a 5-2 vote, trustees decided it wasn't the right time to close the doors of Roland Michener School.

"It is an emotional and very challenging decision," said board chair Pat Cochrane of the kindergarten-to-Grade 6 school.

"Some communities have to go through change."

Trustee Sheila Taylor countered that it's simply not the right time to close the school on the cusp of the province introducing full-day kindergarten, which could potentially boost enrollment numbers.

"I don't think it's a bad plan … but I don't think it's the best plan," said Taylor of the recommendation to close the school.

Following the vote, the dozens of parents in attendance erupted in applause, many weeping with joy.

Riley Slager went door-to-door petitioning residents to stop the closure of the school her six-year-old daughter Olive attends.

"I didn't have much faith in the public school system," she said, dabbing tears from her eyes.

Fellow parent Jason Plato has a son who struggled after an ADHD diagnosis and has since been thriving with the support of the teaching staff.

"He's grown phenomenally this last year," said Plato.

'Best ever'

"I can't say enough about it. It's the best school ever."

Parent Jason Plato

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Quake ignites memories

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Conference call. Wildrose MLA angered by minister's comments

Education Minister Thomas Lukaszuk has come under fire after making comments about an Airdrie-area MLA during a conference call with members of the public.

While on the call Monday night with members of the Airdrie Council of Schools, Lukaszuk reportedly encouraged residents to call the area MLA Rob Anderson of the Wildrose party and ask him to stop opposing Lukaszuk in the legislature.

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Education Minister Thomas Lukaszuk METRO FILE

Restaurant affair

Chef not charged over alleged cleaver threat

No charges have been laid against a chef who allegedly threatened customers with his meat cleaver. The customers had apparently enraged the chef by complaining about the food. No injuries were reported as police responded to the call at a restaurant on the 900 block of 36th Street Northeast on Monday. METRO

Canada ranking

Calgary a great place to live: MoneySense

According to MoneySense magazine, Calgary is the 14th best place to live in Canada. In addition, Calgary was ranked as the third best place to raise children, as well as the fourth best place to find a job. The ranking categories include climate, population growth and affordable housing.

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Investigation. Cops still on search for suspect in city's third homicide

Police believe a 23-year-old Calgary man was targeted in a deadly attack Saturday in the city's northeast.

Mario Alberto Gomez, 23, of Calgary was the victim of a stabbing that occurred around 1:45 a.m. Saturday at the Sunset and Vine Pub and Eatery, police confirmed.

Calgary police homicide Staff Sgt. Grant Miller said they don't know yet if IDs were scanned at the bar that night, but they're looking for a six-foot male, between the ages of 20 to 25, with short hair. "It would appear that this was a targeted attack. There's no doubt what the suspect's intent was once he went to engage with the victim, but no motive has been established at this point." said Miller. MEGAN MAHONEY/FOR METRO

Occupy Calgary movement participants take part in a public forum on Oct. 16, 2011. The Unitarian Church of Calgary is recognizing the group with an award. METRO FILE

Occupy sees award as justice served

Occupy award. Occupy Calgary members say the award has inspired them to keep fighting for the 99 per cent

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After receiving plenty of heat over the past few months, members of the Occupy Calgary movement say it feels good to be recognized by a local church.

This Sunday, the Unitarian Church of Calgary will be presenting the annual William Irvine Justice Award to Occupy Calgary.

In honour of a former Unitarian minister-turned-politician who served in the church between 1916 and 1919, the annual award recognizes "extraordinary services provided to benefit social and/or environmental justice in the Calgary community."

"Thank goodness that people are starting to recognize what we're trying to do," said occupier Brittany Lundy.

Well worth it

"It's hard to believe because we did get so much flak.... It means the world."

Occupier Brittany Lundy

"We're all so pumped. It's hard to believe because we did get so much flak.... It means the world."

Rev. Debra Faulk said along with honouring the Occupy movement, she plans to deliver a sermon on Sunday about participatory democracy.

"There is a broader engagement in talking with our neighbours and in being in the public square," she said.

"I think the Occupy movement as a whole has shifted us."

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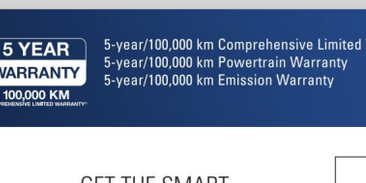

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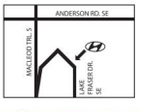

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Safety Expo. City kids get a few lessons on how to avoid scrapes and breaks

Screams of delight and the pitter-patter of children's feet echoed through the lobby of Calgary City Hall on Tuesday for the city's 9th annual Safety Expo.

More than 3,100 kids, from grades 4 to 7, got first-hand lessons in everything from staying safe online to the proper procedure for dealing with stray animals.

Calgary Stampeder Rob Cote pitched in with his own children's lesson on safety.

"I hope that they get to do the whole learn-not-to-touch-the-stove-before-they-burn-their-hand-off kinda thing," Cote said.

The event was sponsored by ENMAX energy and boasted 30 interactive displays and seven workshops to engage the kids. ERIC FRASER/FOR METRO

Sparky the Fire Dog entertains children at the Safety Expo at city hall. ERIC FRASER/FOR METRO

Fender bender

No injuries in gas-meter crash

A truck rammed into a gas meter Tuesday morning on a building near the intersection of 110 Avenue and 46th Street Southeast. There were no injuries. METRO

Weed trackers

Group wins award for weed work

The Calgary and Area Intergovernmental Weed Committee received a prestigious award from Dow AgroSciences for its work in detecting new species in a region. METRO

Tomorrow Project looks into future of cancer

Maria Varela, project assistant for the Tomorrow Project, measures the height of volunteer Bev Kissinger on Tuesday. The Tomorrow Project is a research initiative of Alberta Health Services. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Cancer cure.

Ambitious Alberta research study hopes to attract 50,000 participants to track causes of the disease

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The Tomorrow Project is looking for people to help out in its long-term research into the causes of cancer.

"It is a study for future generations," said Ashlee Vennettilli, study co-ordinator of the Tomorrow Project.

The process takes an hour. Participants are asked questions about their health and lifestyle, have their measurements taken and give small samples of urine, blood and saliva.

Information is stored and participants will be re-assessed every two to five years, to compare sample results.

"It is really important for people to help out with research studies," said Bev Kissinger, 57, who gave samples for the Tomorrow Project at the Banff Trail Community Hall on Tuesday.

Kissinger decided to take part in the research in honour of her 20-year-old son, who was diagnosed with leukemia about a year ago.

"Because of people who participated in studies, he is alive today," she said.

The Tomorrow Project is looking for Albertans between the ages 35 and 60, male and female, who have never had cancer.

The Tomorrow Project is currently seeking more middle-aged men to take part.

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Co-ordinated bombings in Iraq kill 46

Baghdad. Attacks shake country ahead of Arab League meeting

Insurgents plotting to derail next week's Arab League meeting in Baghdad unleashed bloody attacks across Iraq on Tuesday, killing 46 people. The government vowed not to be scared off hosting the summit — the first in the country in a generation and a chance to prove it is moving toward normalcy after years of war.

Bombs struck Shiite pilgrims in the holy city of Karbala, set cars on fire in Kirkuk and targeted security forces and government officials in Baghdad and surrounding cities. More than 200 people were wounded in fewer than six hours.

"Dozens of cars were on fire," said a panicked Saman Majid, who had just arrived at his job at a police station in Kirkuk, 290 kilometres north of Baghdad, when a car in the parking lot exploded.

Thirteen people, most of them police officers, were killed and 59 injured in that attack alone, said Brig. Gen. Sarhad Qadir.

"It was a scene from hell, where there is only a huge fire and dead people and nothing else," Majid said.

The attacks were not entirely unexpected: Government and security officials have warned for weeks that al-Qaida and Sunni sympathizers would try to thwart the league summit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Terrorism

"We condemn this terrorist act and those politically frustrated terrorists who did it."
Iraq Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari

Family members of a police officer killed in a car bomb attack Tuesday carry his coffin before burial in Najaf, 160 kilometres south of Baghdad.
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Coptic church

Egypt's Christians mourn leader

Pope Shenouda III, a giant figure for 40 years at the helm of Egypt's Coptic Orthodox Church, was laid to rest on Tuesday in a desert monastery after a moving funeral mass at a Cairo cathedral attended by tens of thousands.

Shenouda died Saturday at age 88 after serving for four decades as head of the Coptic Orthodox Church, one of the world's oldest Christian denominations. Most of Egypt's Christians are Orthodox Copts.

Shenouda's death brought an outpouring of expressions of Muslim-Christian unity in this mainly Muslim and conservative Arab nation, but it may have done little to hide the alarm of Egypt's Christians over the political ascent of Islamists.

Away from the volatile sectarian politics of Egypt, the death of Shenouda united the nation's 10 million Christians in grief, alongside anxiety over the future.

Local clerics, visiting clergymen and dignitaries packed St. Mark's Cathedral in Cairo as deacons chanted sombre hymns and bearded, black-clad priests and monks recited prayers and as incense smoke flowed from their censers. Shenouda's body lay in a white casket in the elaborate regalia he traditionally wore to oversee services, complete with an ornate golden crown.
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Seeking safety in Turkey

A Syrian refugee, holding the hands of two children fleeing violence in their country, walks along barbed wire that marks the border after they entered Turkey near Reyhanli. The number of Syrian refugees in Turkey is now more than 15,000.
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Old rules trip migrant workers

Education. Rural citizens working in big Chinese cities can't send their kids to public school there, and some parents are protesting

JORDAN POUILLE
Metro World News in Beijing

Pupils in the poor backcountry of Hubei province will have to study hard, and struggle, if they want to go to university. JORDAN POUILLE/METRO WORLD NEWS

Every last Thursday of each month, hundreds of parents gather in front of the Complaint Bureau at the Education Ministry in Beijing. You won't hear anyone shouting or see any placards. As usual, policemen film every protester. Eventually, they will ask everybody to disperse.

For three years, these fathers and mothers have been asking to meet high-rank officials in vain. Like seven million people in Beijing, a third of the capital's population, they are all migrant workers who moved to the capital to work and raise a family. Treated like outsiders, their kids can't go to local school nor can they attend exams in the city.

This is the main discrimination caused by the Hukou system in China, a centuries-old system of household registration.

"Now we have 11,000 signatures, plus 87,000 people who joined our online group anonymously," says Madam Yang from north China's Shanxi province, who works as a maid for a wealthy Beijing family. "With my husband, we have been working hard to buy a small flat. We're proud to pay our taxes here, but we still feel like second-class citizens. Our child can't enjoy basic public services like school."

The Yangs also don't have health or unemployment benefits.

Last month, China introduced a law to ban Hukou restrictions in mid-size cities, but not in major cities like Beijing or Shanghai.

Without legal access to city schools, where do these migrant kids end up?

"A donation can change many things," says a mother of twins, from Sichuan province, who wished to remain anonymous. "After negotiating, the principal asked me to make a donation, plus the tuition fees. He said the school will buy three TV sets with my money."

She gave 20,000 yuans ($3,100) or seven months' salary. Parents who can't pay a lot and don't send their kids back to their hometown have no choice but to rely on shabby, poorly subsidized migrant schools, places that offer low education with poor facilities. Last year, 23 of them in Beijing were shut down for "safety reasons."

Eventually, kids of migrant parents will face one more struggle before university: the Gaokao, a higher education entrance exam. As Metro noticed, it's not unusual for rural high school teenagers to study seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Urban vs. rural

In China, citizens are classified as urban or rural, according to their Hukou, or residential permit.

- **Double standard.** People with urban Hukou have access to state-allocated jobs while people with rural Hukou are expected to be more "self-reliant."
- **Ask the police.** Officially, Chinese people need approval from local police if they want to move out.
- **In practice.** Since China relies on cheap labour, it hardly prevents workers from travelling from their rural homes to factories.

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Should your employer be your 'friend'?

Robert Collins of Baltimore was asked for his Facebook login and password during an interview for a job as a security guard.

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Social media. Some companies and government agencies are asking job applicants for access to their Facebook account

In their efforts to vet job applicants, some companies and U.S. government agencies are going beyond merely glancing at a person's social networking profiles and instead are asking to log in as the user to have a look around.

Questions have been raised about the legality of the practice, which is the focus of proposed legislation in Illinois and Maryland that would forbid public agencies from asking for access to social networks.

Since the rise of social networking, it has become common for managers to review publicly available Facebook profiles, Twitter accounts and other sites to learn more about job candidates. But many users, especially on Facebook, have their profiles set to private, making them available only to selected people or certain networks.

Companies that don't ask for passwords have taken other steps — such as asking applicants to friend human resource managers or to log in to a company computer during an interview.

Asking for a candidate's password is more prevalent among public agencies, especially those seeking to fill law enforcement positions such as police officers.

Back in 2010, Robert Collins was returning to his job as a security guard at the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services after taking a leave following his mother's death. During a reinstatement interview, he was asked for his login and password, purportedly so the agency could check for any gang affiliations. He was stunned by the request but complied.

"I needed my job to feed my family. I had to," he recalled.

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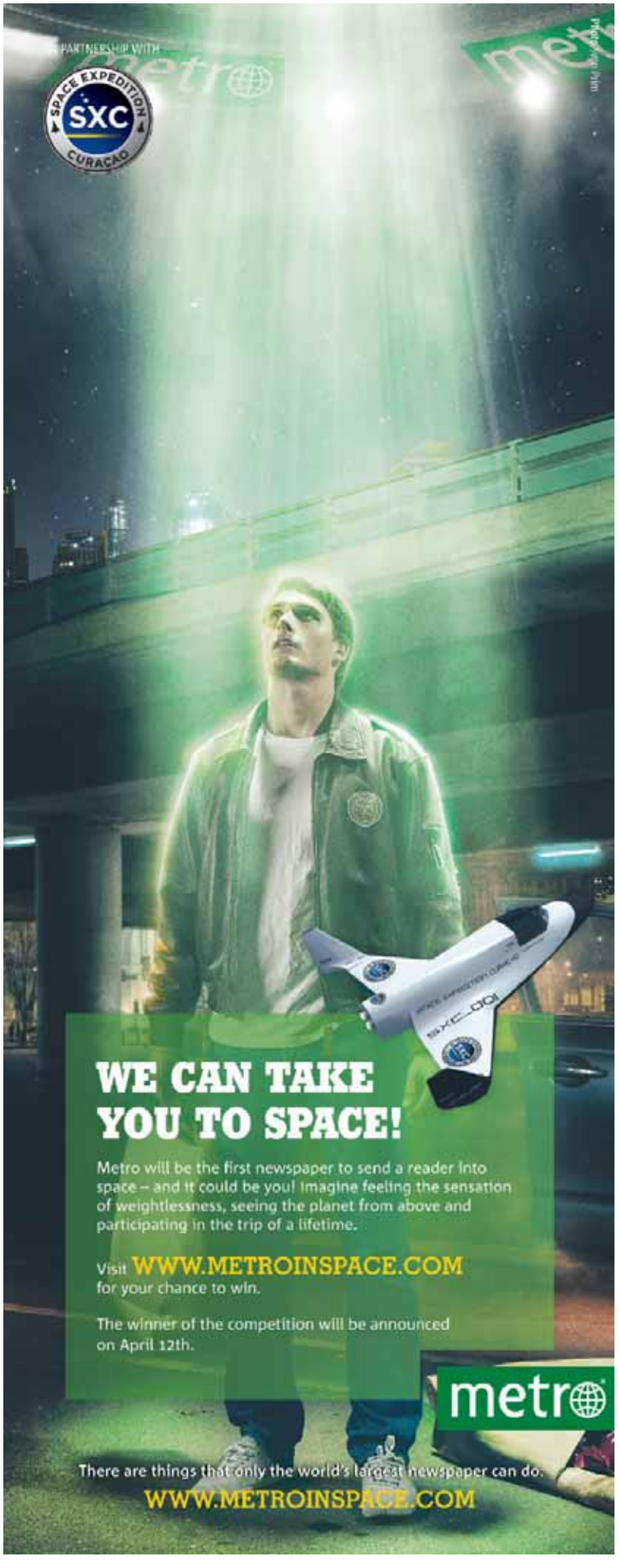
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French gunman may be linked to neo-Nazis: Police

Shootings. President Nicolas Sarkozy has raised the terror alert and added 14 new units of riot police to the region after attack

Police searched southern France on Tuesday for an expert gunman suspected of fatally shooting seven people in the head at close range in attacks that may have been motivated by neo-Nazi ties or grudges against minorities.

The shooter is suspected of carrying out three deadly attacks: one leaving four people dead on Monday at a Jewish school in Toulouse, three of them young children; killing two French paratroopers and seriously wounding another last Thursday in nearby Montauban; and fatally shooting another paratrooper in Toulouse on March 11.

All the victims in the school attack were Jewish with duel French-Israeli citizenship.

The paratroopers were of North African or French Caribbean origin.

Earthquake in Mexico City topples buildings,

A woman comforts her crying children outside a school in the Roma neighborhood after an earthquake was felt in ern Mexico, swaying buildings and sending frightened workers and residents into the streets.

U.S. Lawyer: Slain teen's girlfriend heard fight that led to shooting

The attorney for the family of a black teenager fatally shot by a neighbourhood watch captain said Tuesday that the boy was talking to his girlfriend on his cellphone when the confrontation began. She heard an exchange of words, what sounded like a scuffle, but not the shooting.

The phone call was discussed at a news conference that followed announcements that the U.S. Justice department would probe the death of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin and that a local grand jury will also consider evidence in the case.

George Zimmerman, 28, claims he shot Martin in self-defence during the confrontation last month in a gated community in Sanford, Fla.

Attorney Benjamin Crump, who represents Martin's parents, said he plans to turn over information about the call to federal investigators who are looking into the case. The Justice Department announced their involvement late Monday.

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Trayvon Martin

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Mourners follow the hearse carrying the coffins of the victims following a ceremony at the Ozar Hatorah Jewish school, in France, where a gunman killed four people. REMY DE LA MAUVINIERE/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The shots were fired at such close range that the gunfire burned the skin, prosecutor Francois Molins said Tuesday.

"We are confronted with an individual extremely determined in his actions, an armed individual who acts always with the same modus operandi," he said, "in cold blood... with premeditated actions."

He added the crimes appear to be premeditated due to the killer's "choices of victims and the choices of his targets" — the army, the foreign origin of the victims or their religion. The killer could "act again," he said.

Interior Minister Claude Gueant described the suspect as "someone very cold, very determined, very much a master of his movements, and by consequence, very cruel."

However, his suggestion that the attacker was wearing a camera around his neck that could be used to film and post video online was described by the prosecutor as "a hypothesis."

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sends residents fleeing into streets

Mexico City, on Tuesday. A strong, long earthquake with its epicentre in Guerrero state shook central and south-

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Off-colour. Gingrich demands Obama apologize for De Niro's joke

In a country that asked itself just four short years ago if it was ready for its first black president, a joke by famed actor Robert De Niro at a star-studded Manhattan fundraiser for U.S. President Barack Obama has caused a curious stir.

"Callista Gingrich. Karen Santorum. Ann Romney. Now, do you really think our country is ready for a white first lady?" the actor said to roars of laughter from a crowd that included Michelle Obama.

When someone in the audience yelled: "No!" DeNiro continued, "Too soon, right?" But in a nation where hot-button race issues loom large, Obama's re-election campaign team was quick to distance itself from the remark while Newt Gingrich, the Republican presidential hopeful with a fondness for hyperbole, demanded the president apologize for it.

"We believe the joke was inappropriate," Olivia Alair, campaign press secretary to Michelle Obama, said in a statement.

Gingrich went much further, calling it "inexcusable."

"On behalf of my wife and on behalf of Karen Santorum and on behalf of Ann Romney — I think that Robert De Niro's wrong," Gingrich said at a campaign stop in Louisiana. "I think the country is ready for a new first lady and he doesn't have to describe it in racial terms."

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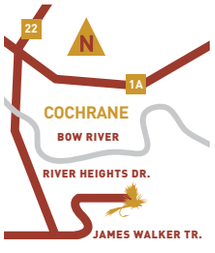

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Company closure

2,600 out of work in Aveos liquidation

Aveos Fleet Performance is liquidating its Canadian aircraft maintenance business, putting virtually all of the company's 2,600 employees across the country out of work.

The Montreal-based private company said Tuesday that it would immediately cease all operations after getting permission for the move in Quebec Superior Court.

The company let go of its remaining 1,300 employees after 1,175 workers were put out of a job on Sunday when Aveos decided to close its airframe repair business.

The Quebec government says its lawyers are assessing the grounds for a lawsuit aimed at forcing Air Canada to continue using Aveos. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Occupational safety

Walmart guilty in workplace death

Walmart says it has pleaded guilty to three workplace-safety charges in the death of a teenage worker in New Brunswick last year.

The retail giant was charged under the Occupational Health and Safety Act after a 17-year-old employee at a store in Grand Falls was electrocuted on Jan. 5, 2011.

Patrick Desjardins was using a floor buffer on a wet floor in a garage at the time.

The agency issued several orders against Walmart after the death and it says the company has complied with those orders. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A man walks past an ad featuring models in Tel Aviv. ODED BALILTY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israeli law bans too-thin models

Image issue. Groundbreaking legislation aims to encourage realistic portrayals in local advertising

Told she was too fat to be a model, Danielle Segal shed a quarter of her original 116-pound weight and was hospitalized twice for malnutrition. The girl weighed 88 pounds by then, or about as much as a robust preteen, and her health suffered.

Now that a new Israeli law prohibits the employment of underweight models, the 19-year-old must gain some of it back if she wants to work again.

The legislation passed this week aims to put a stop to the extremes, and by extension ease the pressure on youngsters to emulate the skin-and-bones models, often resulting in dangerous eating disorders.

The new law poses a challenge to a fashion industry widely castigated for promoting anorexia and bulimia. Its sponsors say it could become an example for other countries grappling with the spread of the life-threatening disorders.

The law requires models to produce a medical report no more than three months old at every shoot for the Israeli market, stating that they are not malnourished, according to World Health Organization standards. About 2 per cent of teenage Israeli girls have severe eating disorders, experts said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Labour laws. Air Canada unions challenge stay-at-work legislation

Two of Air Canada's largest employee groups are launching constitutional challenges against federal legislation that prevents a strike or lockout at the country's largest carrier.

The union representing pilots said Tuesday that it filed suit in Ontario Superior Court, while the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers added it will soon pursue its own effort.

The pilots said the Protecting Air Service Act prohibits pilots from exercising their right to strike and contravenes three sections of the charter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pilots union issues legal challenge. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Secret report. Bureaucrats urged Ottawa to use legal measures sparingly

An appeal from federal bureaucrats to use back-to-work legislation only as a last resort in labour disputes at Air Canada appears to have fallen on deaf ears.

The Human Resources department advised the governing Conservatives in a secret report to use the powerful legal measure only sparingly after the airline's customer-service and sales staff walked out last June.

The Canadian Press obtained a copy of the July 21 report under the Access to Information Act.

In it, senior officials urged the Tories to save the back-to-work law for emergencies. The bureaucrats were not convinced the walkout by customer-service agents constituted anything more than a nuisance to air travellers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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SCARY LIT RAISES SPECTRE OF GORE-STOKED GENERATION

JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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Now that my own children are grown and there's nothing I can do about them, it's time to start worrying about the next generation.

After all, they're the ones who are going to find me in my single room buried under mouldy Starbucks venti lattes and ship me off to the state geezer preserve.

And if what they're up to right now is any indication, I have no reason to expect compassion.

I started thinking about the next generation after hearing that Judy Blume's novels are about to be turned into ebooks. And publishers are worried that today's kids, raised on a steady diet of vampires, human sacrifice and Grand Theft Auto, will find her books bland and boring.

This was once the most banned author in North America, whose most banned book (Forever) opened with the following line: "Sybil Davison has a genius I.Q. and has been laid by at least six different guys."

That got you banned in 1975, but these days it's so tame that even the censors can't work up enough jam to read it, even if they can download it instantly.

'Blood and sacrifice'

"These days, you have to add blood and sacrifice for kids to stop sexting and virtually stoning each other on Am I Ugly and read instead."

These days, you have to add blood and sacrifice for kids to stop sexting and virtually stoning each other on Am I Ugly and read instead. The average teenager sends 60 text messages a day and spends more than seven hours a day "using" media, 80 per cent of it social media.

When Judy Blume was freaking out parents and librarians, there was no Internet. You had to look into a mirror to find out if you were ugly. Now you post a photo on the Internet and let the world have its way with you.

So what are we raising? Pretty little bloodthirsty, depraved, techno-robotic, Borg-minded, crypto-fascist, superstitious sociopaths? Maybe.

At least they can help you unlock your cellphone.

When my kids were young, the biggest threat to their mental health was V.C. Andrews, who dealt in incest and various forms of abuse. Plus she was a terrible writer. By comparison, Judy Blume was Shakespeare. Of course, nobody reads him anymore either, not as long as we have Suzanne Collins (The Hunger Games) or Stephanie Meyer (Twilight).

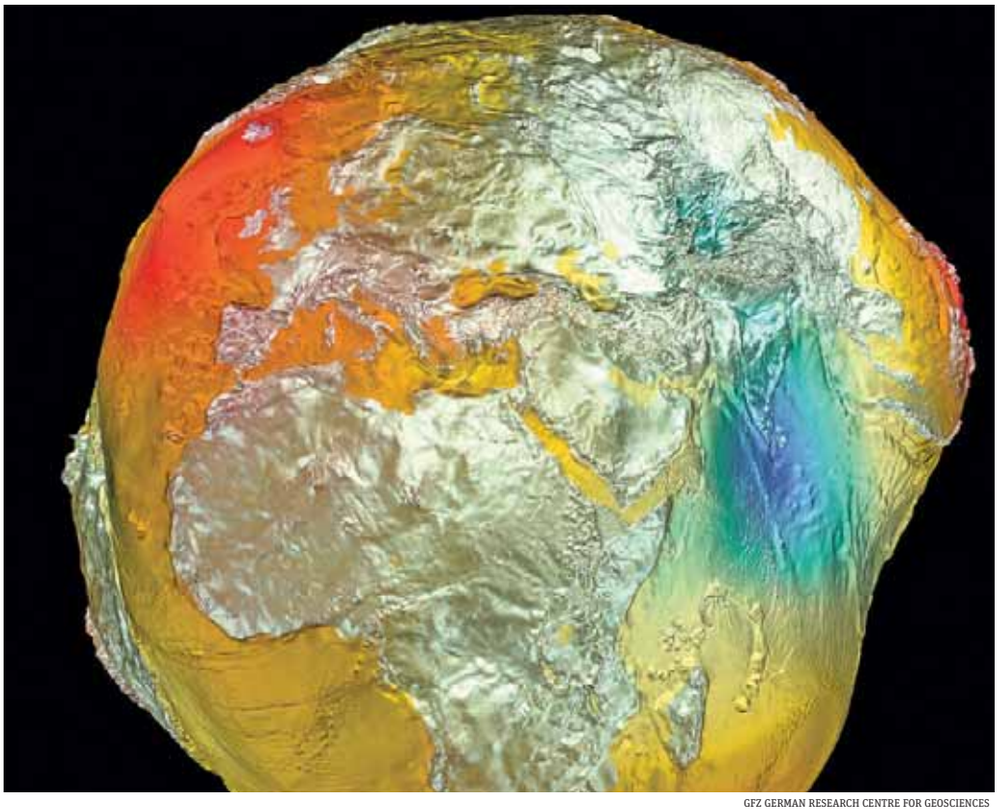
Today, "writing" is a kind of delivery mechanism, like a syringe or a hand-held rocket launcher. Ideas are no longer than 140 characters and something gets killed at the end.

For those who still remember, it's like Brave New World meets Lord of the Flies.

With zombies.

Jennifer Lawrence portrays Katniss Everdeen in a scene from The Hunger Games based on Suzanne Collins' novel. MURRAY CLOSE/LIONSGATE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Planet 'potato' down to earth



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Map shows how Earth changes

For most of us, our planet is spherical in shape, but for some German geoscientists tracking planetary changes, it looks like a potato. Based on data from NASA satellites, the "Potsdam Gravity Potato" is a 3-D mapping that reveals how melting ice has changed Earth's gravity. MWN

Gravity field

"When the mass of Greenland's ice sheet changes, so does the gravity there. Gravity field measurements give us information on mass changes, including climate-related ones."

Frank Flechtner, expert from GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences

Geoscience

'Potato' based on Newton's law

"This is not a gimmick," the Potsdam-based scientists say. The "Gravity Potato," first developed in 1995, is based on one of Newton's laws that states an object's gravity depends on its mass. Earth's uneven distribution of mass means varying gravitational pull on the surface. MWN

This year's 'potato'

The bulge rises in Japan

- The bulge in Far East Asia shows the dramatic changes in solid earth as a result of Japan's earthquakes in 2011.

Loss of ice mass = sea rise

- Greenland's ice shield had 240 gigatons of mass loss between 2002 and 2011, corresponding to a sea level rise of 0.7 mm per year.

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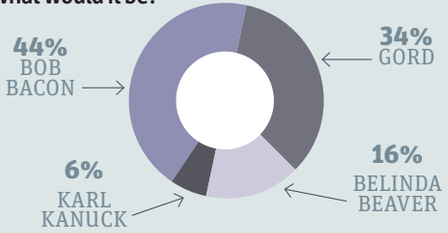

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Kutcher signs up

Richard Branson says his venture to launch paying tourists into space has netted its 500th customer, and it's none other than Ashton Kutcher. Branson made the announcement on his blog Monday. He called the actor to congratulate him and said Kutcher is thrilled at the prospect of being among the first to cross "the final frontier" aboard Virgin Galactic.
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On the web

Kevin Costner's lawyers tell SD high court actor did not breach contract with sculpture artist

'Not your everyday villain'

Alexander Ludwig is photographed by fans as he arrives on the red carpet for the premiere of The Hunger Games on Monday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Golden boy. New on the scene, Alexander Ludwig says fans don't mind he plays a trained killer in The Hunger Games

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At six-feet, two-inches with all-American good looks (even though he was born in Vancouver), Alexander Ludwig doesn't look like a super villain. But to fans of The Hunger Games he is the baddest baddie of them all, Cato, the brute from District 2.

"He was born and raised a killer and that's all he knew how to do," says the 20-year-old actor.

"But he's not your everyday villain. There's a lot more substance and depth to this guy. You can tell he's had a tortured life."

Trained as a killer, Cato has spent his whole life preparing for his turn in The Hunger Games, a kind of murderous reality show.

"I'm playing the most feared guy in the arena so I didn't know how I was going to be received by everyone else in the cast," he says of his co-stars Jennifer Lawrence and Josh Hutcherson. "I was cautious about it, but everyone was amazing."

One thing is for sure; he made an impression on one stunt man.

"I hit a stunt guy across the face with the butt end of a rubber bat when I was filming," he says, "but once you do that you have keep going because they're going to kick your ass if you don't. 'What are you doing? That was the perfect sell because you actually hit me.' I felt so bad."

He says that despite the movie's dark subject matter and the odd bruised stunt man, the mood on set was light.

"It is important to have contrast when the material is so dark. There's all this tense energy and right after they yell, 'Cut' you can breathe."

He's also breathing a little easier now the movie is done and fans have embraced him.

If looks could kill

"Everyone's been very excited to see me and meet me. No one has said, 'Screw you, Cato!' I hope it stays like this. Everyone likes being liked and I chose this role knowing that it could go the other way."

Actor Alexander Ludwig,
on playing the evil Cato in The Hunger Games.

"I have been so, so happy about the way I have been received because it could go either way," he says.

"Everyone's been very excited to see me and meet me. No one has said, 'Screw you, Cato!' I hope it stays like this. Everyone likes being liked and I chose this role knowing that it could go the other way."

"I'm just riding this crazy experience. You really can't think about it because you don't know what to expect. Every day is a new experience.

I walked out of my hotel room this morning and there were fans outside. I can't believe this is happening to me. It's wild."

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Telenova nights: reigning king of laughter goes Latin

Ferrell fever. The SNL stars speaks to Metro about becoming a man, Burgundy and, of course, his bum

MEREDITH ENGEL
Metro World News in Hollywood

For the duration of his new movie, Casa de Mi Padre, Will Ferrell speaks only in Spanish — the entire movie is subtitled. Fittingly clad in a powder blue country Western shirt ("It's got a little bit of a Dallas Cowboy cheerleader feel to it," he says), he spoke with us about his career, his kids and his famous rear end.

You have a nude scene in this film, and this is the second time that you're showing moviegoers your butt. What is it about your tush that you think audiences can't get enough of?
Honestly, I just was serving the script, No. 1. But No. 2, I think it's a funny-looking butt. It's a comedy butt. It was just a great opportunity to make fun of the stereotypical passion scene.

Also, on a deeper level, we're so body-image conscious — why not show that we all have normal-looking bodies?

It's kind of a way to just go, it's not that big a deal.

Your character, Armando, steps out of the shadows and finds his machismo in this film. Can you pinpoint a time in your life when you really came into your own?
I think if you're doing comedy, I don't know if you ever really reach that feeling of like, "I've got it down."

I think there's always a place of fear within you where you're like, "God, I hope this works."

Getting on Saturday Night Live maybe was a little moment of that, but then you have to prove yourself on Saturday Night Live.

Then you leave the show and you test your waters in the movie world, and this business is getting harder and harder.

This movie is being described as Anchorman-meets-telenovela. How would Ron Burgundy fare in this world?
Probably horribly, because there's no way Burgundy knows any other languages.

He'd pretend that he knows Spanish and just immediately get in some awkward, horrible, compromising position where he gets shot. Yeah, I don't think he'd do well.

Funny fanny

"I think it's a funny-looking butt. It's a comedy butt. It was just a great opportunity to make fun of the stereotypical passion scene."
Will Ferrell regarding his rear end, displayed in a love scene in Casa de Mi Padre.

Will Ferrell, left, as Armando Alvarez in Casa de Mi Padre HANDOUT

Titanic twin? Downton Abbey is not headed toward an iceberg: Roache

Linus Roache as Earl of Manton and Geraldine Somerville as Louisa, Countess of Manton in Downton Abbey. HANDOUT

Comparisons to other historical productions are inevitable for the ambitious four-part TV series Titanic, notes star Linus Roache.

And between the epic James Cameron blockbuster, due for re-release next month in 3D, and the Edwardian TV smash Downton Abbey, which draws various plots from the liner's sinking, there are plenty of analogies to be made — and dispelled.

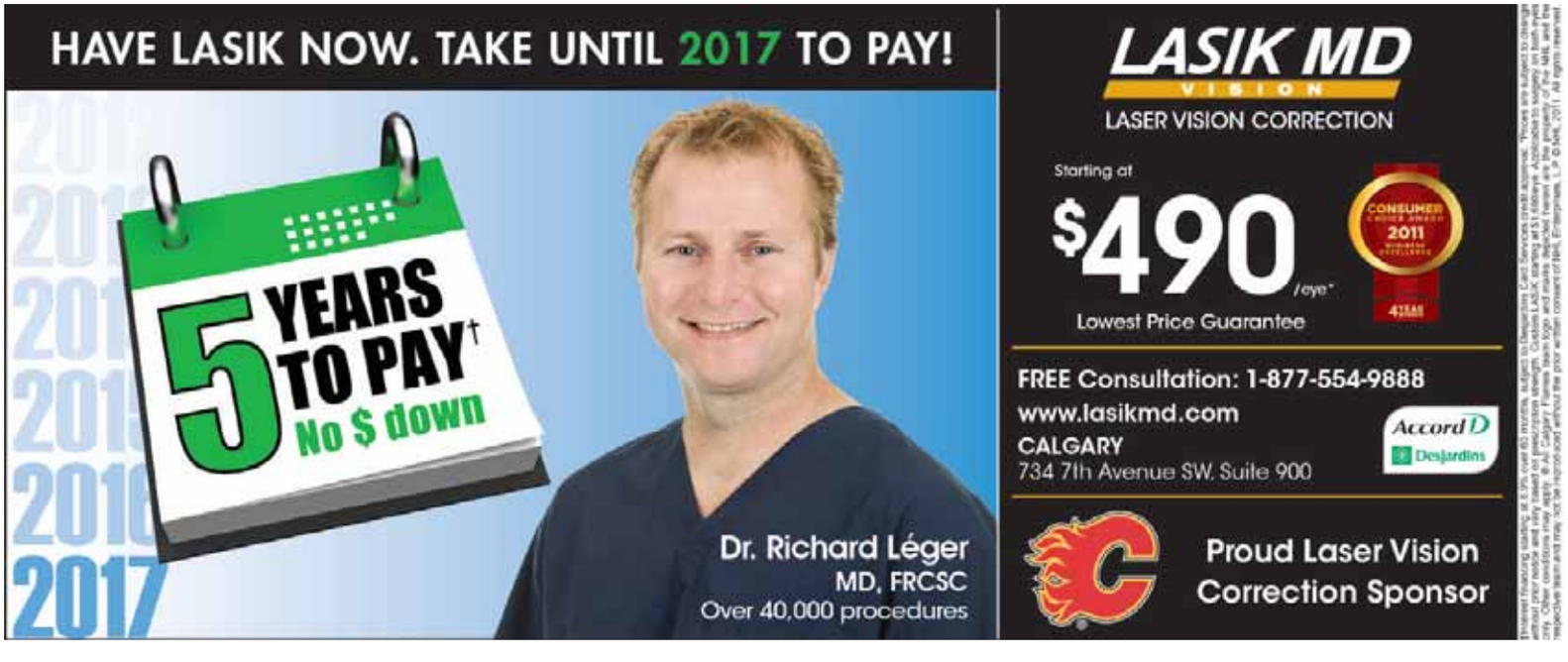
Roache is particularly dismissive of media references to his disaster tale as Downton at sea — a reference to the fact Titanic was written by Downton Abbey creator Julian Fellowes and similarly charts a multitude of storylines that cross various social strata.

"Well, everybody is going to do that because it's Julian Fellowes and you know, obviously he writes extremely well for big ensemble casts and he writes very well for this sort of upstairs-downstairs class divide," Roache says in a recent phone interview from his home in Lenox, Mass. "But this I would say is very different from Downton Abbey because Downton Abbey is not headed toward an iceberg where everybody's lives are at risk. At the same time as being a period drama, it's also a kind of an epic disaster movie."

It's tempting, too, to compare the sprawling Canadian-Hungarian-British co-production to Cameron's box office juggernaut Titanic but Roache says his TV version differs by navigating "the story of the whole ship and not just one main love story."

Roache also points to a unique narrative structure in which each episode revisits the tragic sinking several times, from different points of view.

"Each night you revisit the stories and you pick up on different characters and you also sort of see some of the same scenes from different perspectives." explains Roache, best known for TV's Law & Order: Special Victims Unit and Law & Order. So by the end of the four nights you've really gone on quite a journey of all of these characters." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Simon Cowell

Cowell considering killing off X Factor if ratings continue to dip

Despite all the rumors about negotiating with Britney Spears to come on board as a judge, Simon Cowell may have altogether different plans for the U.S. edition of the X Factor — and they involve cancelling the show altogether.

"I'd rather fall off the cliff on numbers than deteriorate slowly," Cowell said at a press conference for the launch of another season of Britain's Got Talent.

"We have something in development, which could replace The X Factor."

Quote

"I'd rather fall off the cliff on numbers than deteriorate slowly."
Simon Cowell
speaking about X-Factor's ratings.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Is Kim Zolciak jacking Jessica Simpson's swagger?

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Kim Zolciak must be getting tired of Jessica Simpson stealing the blond-weave-wearing-pregnant-lady spotlight, as it was announced yesterday that she and husband Kroy Biermann, 26, are wasting no time expanding their family. After giving birth to their son, Kroy Jagger (KJ) Jr., last May, Life & Style is exclusively reporting that the couple is expecting their second baby.

"Kroy and I are so excited," Kim, 33, tells the magazine. "To decide we wanted to get pregnant again and have it happen so quickly was such a blessing."

I'd go all conspiracy theorist on you and say Kim and Kroy (ed note: What the hell kind of name is "Kroy"? Is that a mash-up of "Kyle" and "Troy"?) are just now revealing this news to bring attention to the TV special about their lavish November wedding, Don't Be Tardy for the Wedding, which premieres on April 26 at 9 p.m. on Bravo.

But, come on: anyone who films their wedding for reality TV and then calls it Don't Be Tardy for the Wedding will of course try to capitalize off of a pregnancy.

There's no conspiracy about it.

Goldie Hawn

Goldie Hawn denies saying Hudson married rock star boyfriend

Goldie Hawn set off a rash of speculation that daughter Kate Hudson had already secretly wed fiancé Matt Bellamy when she told ES magazine,

"When my daughter Kate married an English rock star it didn't worry me."

But Hawn doesn't stand by the quote. When a Twitter follower asked her, "So are Kate and Matt really married, or are the press twisting your words?" Hawn responded, "Darling, once again twisted the words. They aren't married."

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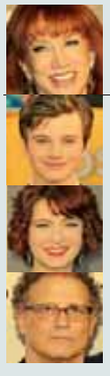

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No free music at festival

After three years of financial losses, the showcase summer festival Taste of Chicago will start charging music fans if they want concert seats. Taste of Chicago performances at the 3,000-seat Petrillo Music Shell in Grant Park had been free, but the city wants to charge $25 a ticket this year, Mayor Rahm Emanuel said Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On the Web

Edgar Degas' Impressionism stripped bare in Paris: forget dancers, this time its nudes

Exhibit helps MythBusters take their show on the road

Museum. Discovery Channel program creates a science-based exhibit at a museum in Chicago, with plans to tour the showcase

If you go...

- **Mythbusters.** Through Sept. 3 at Museum of Science and Industry, 57th Street and Lake Shore Drive, Chicago; msichicago.org or 773-684-1414. Open daily 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Timed ticketing; adults, $25, children 3-11, $18 (general admission plus $10).

Who gets wetter, someone walking in the rain or running? Is it really possible to hang from a cliff by your fingers until help arrives like they do in the movies? And is Superman the only one who is faster than a speeding bullet?

Those are questions the Discovery Channel's MythBusters has asked for years, and starting last week, anybody who's wondered how long it takes to put on a superhero outfit in a phone booth — don't forget the cape — can answer them for themselves at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry.

MythBusters: The Explosive Exhibition, opened March 15, marking the first time the show has taken such questions on the road. The Chicago exhibition, which runs through Sept. 3, is the first of a planned national tour that will include stops at several other U.S. cities.

"This has both the science and also a sense of humour, what we've been doing for a decade," Adam Savage, one of the show's hosts, said this week before the exhibition opened.

Just like on the show, the exhibit is a kind of scientific bait and switch. It starts with something visitors have seen in the movies or on TV or that they can recall from their own experiences.

"That's the hook," said Jamie Hyneman, also a MythBusters co-host. "That gets them involved and before they know what happens they've actually learned something or been lured into thinking carefully about what's going on."

The exhibit consists of about a dozen stations mixed in with props familiar to viewers, like the actual casket Hyneman lay in for a segment on being buried alive. In one station shaped like a ship cargo container, a visitor walks and another runs while water drips from hoses above. Once they're wet, they go around the corner and, because the water contains traces of fluorescent dye, they can see just how many drops hit them as they stand in front of a black light.

After determining which one of them is wetter, the participants press either the run or walk button. The results will be stored for now and revealed when the show leaves in September.

There is another exhibit for anyone who's wondered if a blind Al Pacino really could have navigated a car through the streets of New York in Scent of a Woman based on the directions given by a terrified Chris O'Donnell from the passenger seat. With the help of video-arcade style equipment, visitors can see if they do as well as Pacino or better than Hyneman and Savage did on the show.

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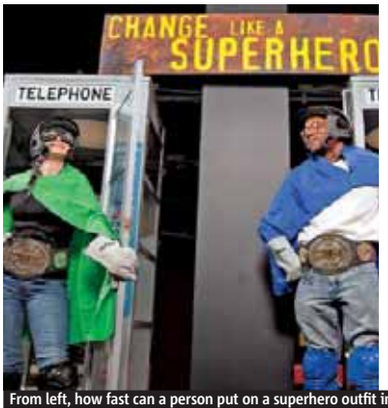
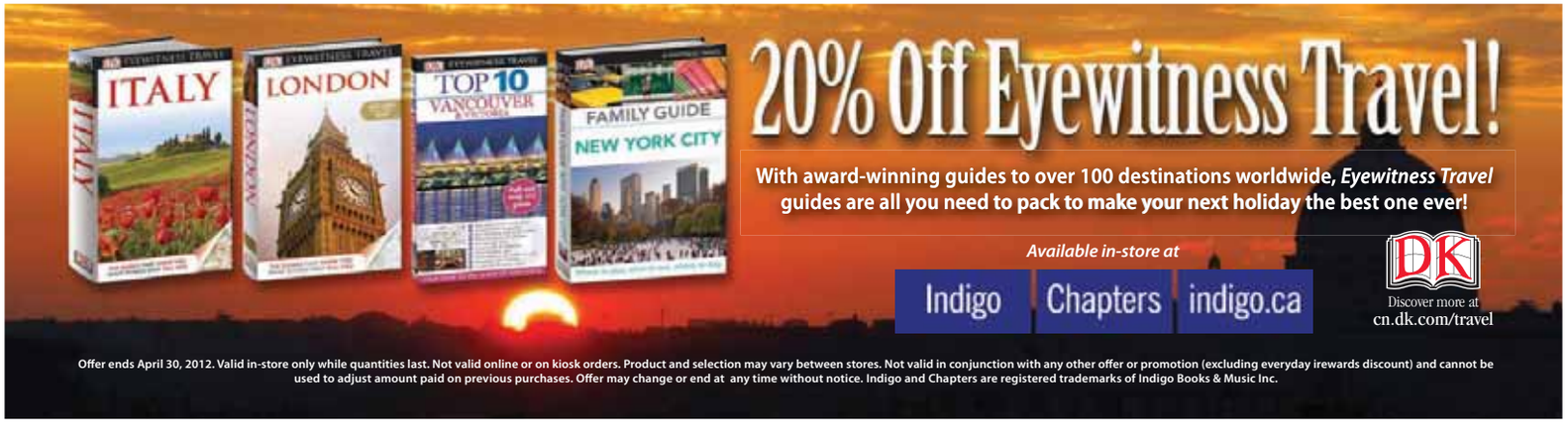
Jamie Hyneman, left, and Adam Savage, stars of Mythbusters, stand outside the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. J.B. SPECTOR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



From left, how fast can a person put on a superhero outfit in a phone booth? The Mythbusters open the exhibit in Chicago last week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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The bite-sized San Francisco

Food trucks are a big deal in San Francisco, so we got Kate McEachern, founder of local cupcake truck Cupkates, to talk us through her city's hot spots

METRO WORLD NEWS

First time?

For those that usually ignore the clichéd recommendations in travel guides, play the tourist for once. San Francisco has some amazing attractions and you don't want to miss them. Your first stop should be Fort Point. Its vantage point overlooking Golden Gate Bridge offers amazing views.

Been there before?

Once you've seen all of the staple tourist spots, I'd recommend a trip to Golden Gate Park (golden-gate-park.com). Go for tea at the Japanese Tea House and Garden or simply walk around the gardens. The California Academy of Sciences (calacademy.org), one of the world's largest natural history museums, is a fun daytime outing whether you're with family or friends. I always head straight to the living roof. Designed by architect Renzo Piano, the roof consists of undulating green hillocks and 1.7 million native plants, mimicking the city's topography.

Go out

If you want a chilled but fun Friday night out then head over to the De Young Museum (deyoung.famsf.org). It stays open late, keeping people entertained with the bar and live music. Bubble Lounge champagne bar (bubblelounge.com) is perfect for a girls' night out. Although, by no means does this mean boys aren't allowed to join the party.

Stay in

For those on a budget, Hotel des Arts, located in the French Quarter, is an eclectic boutique close to Union Square, perfect if you had a day of shopping planned (sfhotel-desarts.com). If you have a bit more to spend, in the mid-range price is Hotel Del Sol. This is a joyful-kid friendly place to stay.

Eat

Some of the city's best food comes from a truck. Off the Grid (offthegridsf.com) is a bustling roving market with gourmet food trucks selling anything from my cupcakes to 'eat curbside's' deep fried Mac n Cheese.

On Friday nights, the Fort Mason market has a bar and music, making it a really great (and super cheap!) way to spend the evening. Nick's Crispy Tacos (at 1500 Broadway) makes the most amazing fried fish pescado tacos (ask for them made "Nick's Way") and carnitas (braised pork) in town.

If you're craving pizza, there's no other place than Una Pizza Napoletana (unapizza.com/sf). The place is small and the owner Anthony Mangieri makes pizza to order using an oven placed in the middle of the dining room.

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Eastern Quebec has plenty for the flower lover

Eastern Townships.
La Belle Province is dotted with quaint towns and villages

MEL BORINS
Metro World News

What does lavender, rosehips, luxury trains, gourmet cuisine and fabulous country inns have in common? Who would have guessed the Eastern Townships of Quebec? The Eastern Townships are made up of a number of towns and villages to the South East of Montreal.

About 50 minutes east of Montreal is the charming Victorian village of Knowlton, famous for its Loyalist roots and heritage buildings. We stayed our first night close to Knowlton at a four-star inn Auberge Quilliams. The Inn has great canoeing and kayaking. The beach across the road in front of Lac Brome was a quiet place to unwind.

Close to Auberge Quilliams we visited two tourist sights that were inspiring: Rose des Champs and Bleu Lavande. We also spent an evening on the Orford Express Train belonging to the conductor and priest Father Donald Thompson.

It's not all roses at Rose des Champs.

The beach of Lac Brome offers some spectacular wildlife watching. PHOTOS: MEL BORINS/METRO

Conductor Father Donald Thompson.

Flowers

Rosy outlook

Norman Benoit and his sweetheart Claire Mercier have transformed their farm into a rose operation. They developed a unique four acre private rose garden called Rose des Champs.

Relaxation

Lavender fields

I adore the smell of lavender and just a few minutes south of the quaint town of Magog, there is Bleu Lavande, the dream child of Pierre Pellerin. Pierre had a successful electronics business but at the age of 42 fell sick with a neurological disease that seemed to be stress related. He sold his business and bought the 160 acre property and along with his wife Christine began planting lavender, and the rest is another dream come true. I loved walking through the stunning fields of flowering plants.

A foot massage with lavender oil out in the middle of the lavender field was delightfully relaxing.

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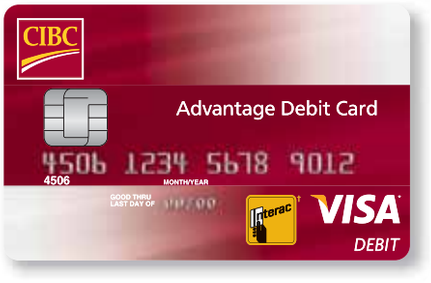

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Start spring off on a sweet note with treats for the big & little kids

Chocolate Mango Mousse. This easy, do-ahead dessert is a great way to incorporate chocolate without over indulging

Because this is a chilled dessert, you can make it ahead of time and not worry about things coming out of the oven at the right time when you're busy trying to impress those picky dinner guests.

To make it into a restaurant-worthy dish, spoon the Chocolate Mango Mousse into parfait glasses and top with fresh berries.

The combination of chocolate and fruit creates an ideal balance for those who want a more grown-up dessert.

Ingredients

4 portions
Start to finish: 30 minutes, plus chilling

- 250 ml (1 cup) frozen mango chunks, thawed
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) sugar
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) homogenized milk
- 1 whole egg, plus 1 yolk
- 22 ml (1 1/2 tbsp) cornstarch
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) milk chocolate bits
- 250 ml (1 cup) heavy cream

1 Fill a medium bowl with ice.

2 In a blender, combine the thawed mango chunks, sugar, milk, whole egg and yolk, and cornstarch. Purée until completely it is smooth.

3 Pour the mixture into a small saucepan over medium heat. Whisking constantly, heat the mixture until it thickens and comes to a boil. Remove from heat and add the milk chocolate bits. Stir until the chocolate is melted and thoroughly incorporated.

4 Place the saucepan in a bowl of ice; ensure that none of the ice gets into the saucepan. Whisk the mixture until it is completely cooled and smooth.

5 In a large bowl, place the heavy cream. Use an electric mixer to beat it until medium peaks form, 3 to 5 minutes.

6 Add half of the beaten cream to the milk chocolate-mango mixture and fold together to incorporate. Add remaining cream and fold again to incorporate.

7 Transfer the Chocolate Mango Mousse to 4 individual serving dishes and refrigerate until you are ready to serve it.

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Chocolate Mango Mousse

The chocolate flavours aren't overpowering. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drink of the Week

Chocolate Seduction

Chocolate and vodka combine to make a romantic cocktail that is pure magic.

Seduce your lover or your favourite foodie with this special drink.

1 Combine vodka, coffee, nut and chocolate liqueurs in a shaker with ice. Shake and strain into two cocktail glasses. Top with chocolate. Makes 2 servings.

- 2 oz vodka
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- 1 oz nut liqueur (such as Frangelico or Amaretto)
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Caramelized apples star in frozen dessert

Serves eight. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

A creamy-sweet combination of caramelized apples and vanilla frozen yogurt topped with crunchy granola offers the perfect combination of ingredients.

Top this frozen treat with fresh whipped cream and a sprinkle of cinnamon for a truly decadent dessert.

1 In a large bowl, toss apples with lemon juice; set aside.

2 In a large heavy skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Add sugar and stir until it has completely dissolved and is dark amber in colour. Add apples with their juices and reduce heat to low.

3 Cook, stirring often, about 10 minutes or until apples are softened. Stir in cream and vanilla; transfer to a large bowl. Let cool, cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or until chilled and thickened. (Keep it refrigerated for up to 2 days.)

4 To assemble: For each serving, place 2 caramelized apples wedges in a sundae glass. Top with a scoop of frozen yogurt, 2 caramelized apple wedges and some granola. Repeat frozen yogurt, apple and granola layers. Top with additional whipped cream and a sprinkle of cinnamon, if desired. ONTARIO APPLE GROWERS, ONAPPLES.COM/ THE CANADIAN PRESS/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR, AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE VISIT, EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)

Ingredients

- 3 apples (McIntosh or Spy), peeled cored and each cut into 12 wedges
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon juice
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) butter
- 500 ml (2 cups) granulate sugar
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) 35% whipping cream
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) vanilla
- 1.5 L (6 cups) vanilla frozen yogurt or vanilla ice cream
- 250 ml (1 cup) crunchy granola
- Ground cinnamon (optional)

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Nation-to-nation navigation: Interviews across the pond

East to West. Keep cultural differences in mind during a job interview abroad

LIN ABDUL RAHMAN
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Canadian employers often value confidence in a potential hire. ISTOCK

Do you remember the AT&T commercial where a man insults his Chinese business associate when he mispronounces the associate's name?

The commercial highlights the importance of clarity and precision in communication, and it also underscores the cultural nuances that we encounter at our increasingly global workplaces.

These situations may seem funny in retrospect, but if they're not handled properly they may have serious consequences not only for the employee but for the company as well.

And these cultural distinctions extend far beyond the spoken language. I've had work experience in several culturally distinct countries and I can safely say the attitudes employers expect to see in a candidate also vary greatly from one country to another.

In Malaysia — a country heavily influenced by its Eastern morals and values — modesty, respect and courtesy are some of the characteristics candidates are expected to possess and display. This is not to say that employers in Western countries do not appreciate such values — quite the contrary.

A world of difference

"In Malaysia — a country heavily influenced by its Eastern morals and values — modesty, respect and courtesy are some of the characteristics candidates are expected to possess and display."
Lin Abdul Rahman, student at Laurier Brantford

However, in Malaysian culture, reverence and respect for elders, and by extension those higher up in the social hierarchy, are expected virtues in any individual. These qualities are therefore crucial in dealing with clients and associates.

As a result, candidates are expected to demonstrate these values during the interview process at great lengths, and then some.

Along the same vein, candidates are also expected to acknowledge an organization's inherent hierarchy, be it a formal or informal one. Of course, it goes without saying that falling in line is expected in any company anywhere on the globe. As the saying goes, 'You have to go along in order to get along.'

However, in Malaysia, it's crucial that a candidate displays a certain readiness, or even an eagerness, to fit into the existing pecking order. It might seem superficial or perhaps somewhat trivial, but it's crucial nonetheless as it is seen as a manifestation of the candidate's respect toward his or her superiors.

From the job interviews I've had in Australia and Canada — not all of them successful, naturally — I've found that ambition, confidence and being proactive are highly regarded by employers. These qualities are often the determining factors for whether an interview is successful or not.

Here in Canada, candidates are expected to possess high self esteem and feel confident about 'selling' themselves to employers. This is perhaps the greatest distinction between the work cultures in Canada and Malaysia.

Numerous other facets of a culture come into play in determining on whether or not a candidate has had a successful interview and it is impossible to list them all. Suffice it to say that it is good to develop a feel for the subtleties that exist within any given culture in order to gage what an employer might expect to see in a candidate.

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Think long and hard before you decide to tackle a trial on your own. ISTOCK

One individual's experience, related below, confirms two of my favourite rules in law: people get what they pay for, and clients hire lawyers to get better results than they could get for themselves.

An individual I met with last year decided that she would argue her case on her own instead of hiring me as her lawyer. This was against my advice since her case was not simple and her former employer was unwilling to settle.

She was not easily convinced. Relying on a free brochure provided by the government, stating that lawyers are not mandatory for small claims court matters, she figured she could win on her own.

The problem was that, unlike many small claims matters where a lawyer is unnecessary, her case was complex. Properly conducting her own trial was a difficult if not impossible task, a fact she either overlooked or chose to ignore.

Another reason she was dissuaded from hiring a lawyer was her fear of the costs. In her view, if she could obtain close to the same result that I could, then why pay for my time. However, this only made sense if she successfully settled or won her case — a point she completely disregarded when rejecting my offer to take on her matter.

Recently, she called me in a frenzy. She was on the verge of her trial and hoping that I would now take her case. No surprise there. Her employer was not prepared to settle, as I had predicted, and a pre-trial judge ordered her to retain a lawyer, since she was incapable of arguing her own case. What's worse is that she was also ordered to pay her employer's legal costs for the preliminary hearing, an unusual result, often reserved as a penalty.

The lesson here is as follows: the value lawyers' supply to their clients is challenged as often as the advice they provide. Sometimes it is for a good reason. Often it is not.

Had this individual heeded my advice, she could have been cashing settlement cheques by now rather than having to pay legal costs to her ex-employer.

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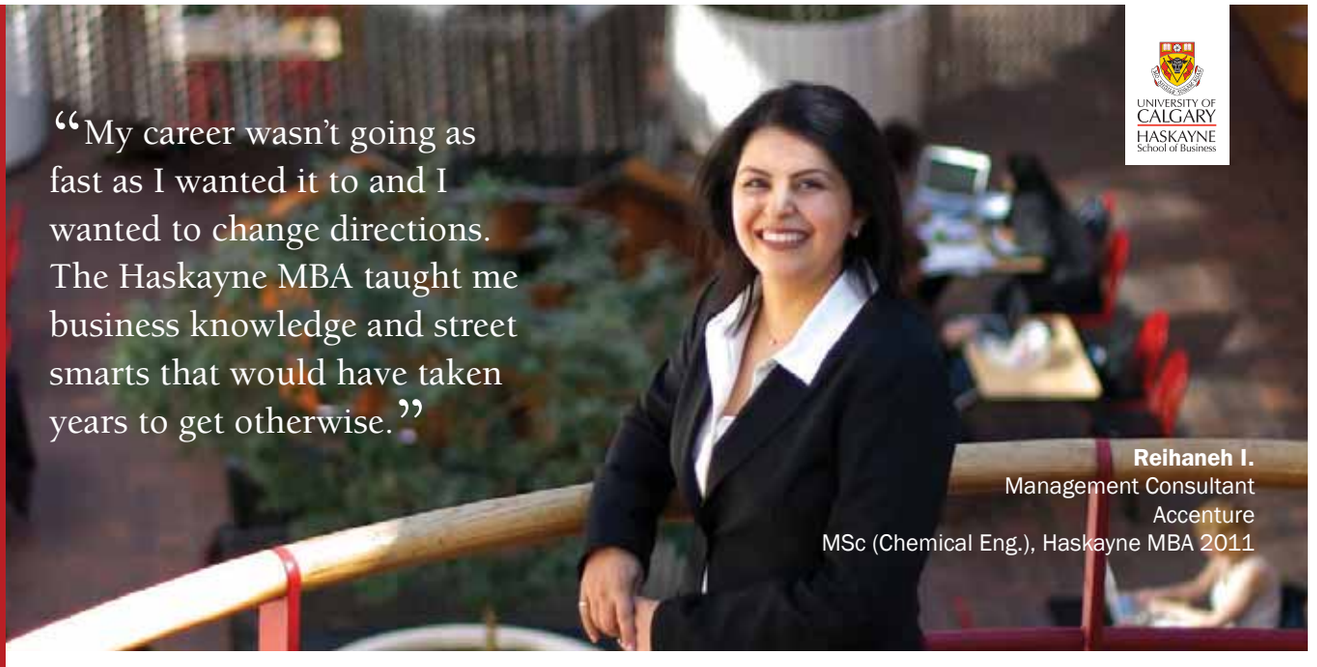
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BRUCE WALSH
Metro World News in Philadelphia

When Patrick Gray graduated from Boston College in 1999, he was determined to become a detail-oriented professional. He started with perhaps the most overlooked detail of contemporary office culture: typing.

"It represented kind of bigger things to me. I thought, 'It's time to be a professional and learn to type for real,'" he explains. "I went cold turkey from two-finger typing. I thought, 'Even if it takes me 10 minutes on an email, I'm going to force myself to do it the right way.'"

"I think these skills are going downhill in most offices. There's less of this

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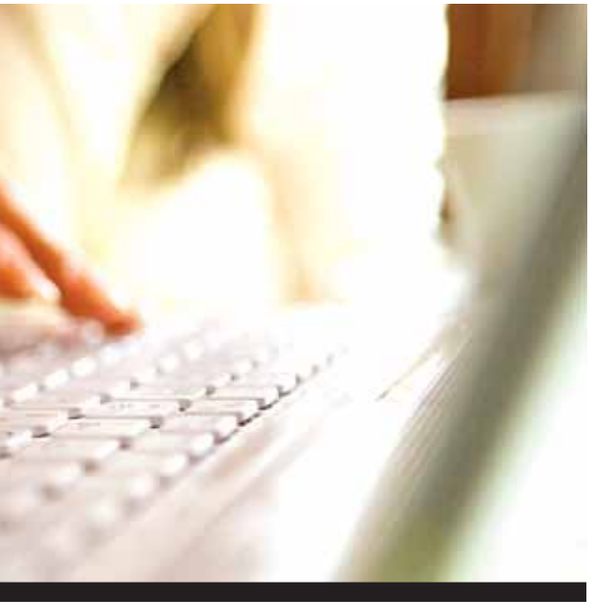

training at the high school and college level," says Sally Mounts, president of Auctus Consulting Group.

"It's kind of ironic, because we're all typing more than ever now, but we're less cognizant of typing skills."

It took a full month of home-row discipline for Gray — now the president of Prevoyance Group, an IT company — to get his speed back up to where it was when he started: 20 words per minute. But after six months he was sailing along at three times that rate.

"Growing up with computers, most people tend to two- or four-finger type. The hardest thing about retraining yourself is the first hour," says Mounts.

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"I'm not where I want to be. I want to be where I was before I was injured. There's a lot of work to do to get where we want to be from a health standpoint."

Peyton Manning on his surgically repaired neck after being introduced as the Broncos' new quarterback on Tuesday in Denver. The 35-year-old star signed a five-year, $96-million US contract and said he plans to retire in Denver. Broncos vice-president John Elway, who engineered the Manning deal, said he's exploring all his options for Tebow, the incredibly popular and polarizing quarterback who led the Broncos back to the playoffs last season for the first time since 2005.

"If Tim Tebow is here next year, I'm going to be the best teammate I can be to him."

Peyton Manning

NFL

Eagles trade for Texans LB Ryans

The Philadelphia Eagles made a big move to bolster the middle of their defence, acquiring two-time Pro Bowl linebacker DeMeco Ryans from the Houston Texans for a fourth-round draft pick in 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL

Ward retires, rather than seek a new team

Longtime Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward retired on Tuesday rather than try extending his career with another team.
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Hines Ward announces his retirement.
GENE J. PUSKAR/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NCAA basketball

Tar Heels ready to play without injured guard

North Carolina coach Roy Williams says his team's "preparation is 100 per cent" to play without injured point guard Kendall Marshall.
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Rangers-Devils brawl

"It's almost better to get it out of the way off the bat and play the game."

New York islander John Tavares on Monday's game-opening brawl between the Devils and Rangers.

Avalanche douse Flames in overtime nail-biter

Colorado goalie Semyon Varlamov turns away a shot in front of Calgary's Jarome Iginla in Denver on Tuesday.
DOUG PENSINGER/GETTY IMAGES

NHL. Calgary loses ground with defeat to playoff competitor

Tuesday's game

Avalanche	Flames
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David Jones knocked in a rebound 3:51 into overtime to lift the Colorado Avalanche past the Calgary Flames 2-1 on Tuesday night.

Miikka Kiprusoff turned away a shot from Paul Stastny, but the rebound trickled away. Jones skated in and drove the puck into the net, giving the Avalanche their first win in five games against the Flames this season. It was Kiprusoff's first loss in 11 starts against Colorado.

Colorado had a chance to get the lead with about 3-1/2 minutes left in regulation but Ryan O'Reilly's shot from in close hit the crossbar and bounced away. O'Reilly's nose was bloodied on the play when defenceman Mark Giordano's stick caught him across the face. O'Reilly was tended to at the bench and continued playing.

Matt Stajan gave Calgary a 1-0 lead in the first period. Stastny tied it later in the period.

Giordano fired a shot at the end of regulation, but Semyon Varlamov came up with a nifty save to send the game into overtime.

Jarome Iginla shook loose on breakaways late in the first period and midway through the second, but was frustrated both times by Varlamov, who made 31 saves and extended his winning streak to five games. Varlamov dropped to his knees to stuff Iginla's first shot, and turned the second away with his stick to keep the game tied.

After a turnover in the Avalanche zone less than two minutes into the game, Stajan picked up a loose puck and beat Varlamov with a wrist shot that got between his pads.

Colorado tied it at 9:05 when Stastny redirected Shane O'Brien's shot from the point past Kiprusoff. It was Stastny's second goal in two games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ferbey retires from competitive curling

Randy Ferbey THE CANADIAN PRESS

Randy Ferbey hit curling's heights, winning national and world titles with regularity.

His Alberta team of Dave Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer and Marcel Rocque was a powerhouse, winning the national championship in 2001 to kick off a run of four titles in five years.

Ferbey thought about the possibility of getting that lineup back together to take a run at reaching the 2013 Tim Hortons Brier. When those plans didn't materialize, he knew the time was right to retire from competitive curling.

Quoted

"He's really been the guy I've looked up to as the great skip out there in terms of strategy and changing the game and understanding what to do."

Former teammate Dave Nedohin

"I'm leaving the sport that I've loved," Ferbey said Tuesday from the Edmonton area. "I've loved competing, I've loved the years that I've competed. It's very, very difficult."

Ferbey, 52, leaves the sport as one of its most dominant competitors. In all, he won six national titles and four world championships.

"The run that the Ferbey team did in the early 2000s was just remarkable," said Ontario skip Glenn Howard. "They basically bulldozed everybody over for five to six years."

The idea of playing for a national title on home ice in Edmonton next year was appealing to Ferbey. He said he had discussed the idea with his good friend Nedohin, who told him earlier this month that he had decided to go with a younger team.

"So that was it right there," Ferbey said. "I wasn't prepared to play with anybody else. I knew if I wasn't going to play with Dave, I wasn't going to play."

Ferbey won his first Brier in 1988 as a third on skip Pat Ryan's team. The Alberta rink repeated as champs a year later and went on to win the world title.

Ferbey, from Sherwood Park, won his first world championship as a skip in 2002 and added victories in 2003 and 2005.
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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
dx-NY Rangers	72	45	20	2	5	199	160	97	25-9-0-2	20-11-2-3	4-5-1-0	W1
d-Boston	72	42	27	1	2	236	178	87	22-13-1-1	20-14-0-1	4-6-0-0	W2
d-Florida	71	35	23	5	8	180	197	83	20-9-1-7	15-14-4-1	6-3-0-1	W4
Pittsburgh	71	44	21	3	3	231	180	94	24-8-2-0	20-13-1-3	9-0-1-0	L1
Philadelphia	72	42	22	2	6	231	204	92	19-10-1-4	23-12-1-2	8-1-0-1	W1
New Jersey	73	41	27	2	3	200	191	87	20-13-0-3	21-14-2-0	6-4-0-0	L2
Ottawa	73	37	26	6	4	221	213	84	19-14-2-2	18-12-4-2	5-3-0-2	L1
Washington	73	37	30	3	3	198	208	78	23-10-1-2	14-20-2-1	5-4-1-0	W1
Buffalo	73	34	29	4	6	187	207	78	18-11-3-5	16-18-1-1	6-2-0-2	W1
Winnipeg	72	34	30	4	4	192	203	76	23-11-1-3	11-19-3-1	5-4-0-1	L1
Carolina	73	29	29	9	6	194	217	73	18-13-1-5	11-16-8-1	5-3-2-0	W3
Toronto	73	32	33	4	4	208	227	72	16-13-3-3	16-20-1-1	3-6-0-1	L1
Tampa Bay	72	32	33	4	3	202	247	71	21-14-1-1	11-19-3-2	4-5-1-0	L3
NY Islanders	72	29	32	7	4	168	211	69	15-16-5-1	14-16-3-2	3-4-2-1	W1
Montreal	73	28	32	4	9	191	203	69	13-15-2-7	15-17-2-2	4-3-2-1	L2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
dx-St. Louis	73	46	19	1	7	189	142	100	28-4-1-3	18-15-0-4	7-2-0-1	W1
d-Vancouver	72	43	21	1	7	223	182	94	21-10-0-4	22-11-1-2	3-5-1-1	L1
d-Dallas	72	39	28	1	4	189	192	83	20-13-0-3	19-15-1-1	7-2-0-1	L2
Nashville	72	42	22	3	5	206	186	92	23-8-2-3	19-14-1-2	6-3-0-1	W1
Detroit	73	44	25	2	2	224	179	92	28-5-1-1	16-20-1-1	3-6-1-0	L5
Chicago	73	40	25	4	4	222	212	88	25-7-1-4	15-18-3-0	7-2-0-1	W3
Phoenix	73	36	26	3	8	191	188	83	18-12-2-4	18-14-1-4	3-5-0-2	W1
Colorado	74	39	30	3	2	194	195	83	21-15-0-1	18-15-3-1	6-3-0-1	W1
San Jose	71	36	25	5	5	194	181	82	21-11-2-1	15-14-3-4	4-3-1-2	W2
Los Angeles	72	35	25	5	7	167	157	82	19-13-0-4	16-12-5-3	7-3-0-0	W3
Calgary	73	34	26	5	8	182	199	81	20-9-1-5	14-16-4-3	6-1-1-2	L2
Anaheim	73	30	32	5	6	180	203	71	19-16-2-0	11-16-3-6	3-6-1-0	L2
Minnesota	72	30	32	2	8	155	199	70	16-15-1-3	14-17-1-5	2-7-0-1	W1
Edmonton	72	28	36	3	5	190	213	64	18-15-2-3	10-21-1-2	3-5-1-1	L1
Columbus	72	23	42	2	5	166	231	53	13-20-1-2	10-22-1-3	5-5-0-0	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Boston 8 Toronto 0
Minnesota 2 Vancouver 0
Buffalo 7 Tampa Bay 3
N.Y. Rangers 4 New Jersey 2
Washington 5 Detroit 3
Anaheim at San Jose

Sunday's results
Columbus 2 Calgary 1 (SO)
Phoenix 3 Edmonton 2 (SO)
Carolina 4 Winnipeg 3
Philadelphia 3 Pittsburgh 2 (OT)
Chicago 5 Washington 2
Nashville 3 Anaheim 1

Tonight's games
N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Florida at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Columbus, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Calgary at Colorado, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
Montreal at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Florida at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Detroit at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Chicago, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

BRUINS 8, MAPLE LEAFS 0

First Period
1. Boston, Kelly 18 (Pouliot) 2:25
2. Boston, Campbell 8 (Ference, Paille) 5:40
3. Boston, Pouliot 11 (Boychuk, Rolston) 10:58
4. Boston, Marchand 24 (Seguin, Seidenberg) 12:42 (pp)

Penalties — Rosehill Tor (roughing), Schenn Tor, Campbell Bos (fighting) 12:19, Komisarek Tor (fighting), Lucic Bos (roughing, fighting; served by Seguin) 13:10.

Second Period
5. Boston, Pouliot 12 (Rolston, Kelly) 2:31
6. Boston, Chara 10 (Rolston) 5:45 (pp)
7. Boston, Rolston 6 (Krejci, McQuaid) 19:25

Penalty — MacArthur Tor (holding) 5:01.

Third Period
8. Boston, Seguin 26 (Krejci, Lucic) 18:29

Penalty — Caron Bos (holding) 0:41.

Shots on goal by

Toronto	2	5	6	13
Boston	9	8	7	24

Goal (shots-saves) — Toronto: Reimer (L,13-13-4)(9-5), Gustavsson (12:42 first)(15-11); Boston: Thomas (W,31-18-0).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Toronto: 0-2; Boston: 2-2.
Attendance — 17,565 (17,565).

WILD 2, CANUCKS 0

First Period
1. Minnesota, Christensen 5 (Brodziak, Clutterbuck) 19:36 (pp)

Penalties — Burrows Vcr (roughing), Bieksa Vcr, Johnson Min (fighting) 18:04.

Second Period
No Scoring.

Penalties — Stoner Min (high-sticking) 4:34, Kesler Vcr (clipping) 18:52.

Third Period
2. Minnesota, Brodziak 19, 19:57 (en)

Penalties — Gragnani Vcr, Stoner Min (roughing) 2:13, Hansen Vcr (goaltender interference) 14:00.

Shots on goal by

Vancouver	11	12	10	33
Minnesota	12	17	5	34

Goal — Vancouver: C.Schneider (L,16-7-1); Minnesota: Harding (W,10-10-4).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Vancouver: 0-1; Minnesota: 1-3.
Attendance — 17,188 (18,064).

SUNDAY

HURRICANES 4, JETS 3

First Period
1. Carolina, Jokinen 11, 7:41 (sh)
2. Winnipeg, Antropov 13 (Stapleton, Stuart) 11:41

Penalties — Jokinen Car (slashing) 4:08, Joslin Car (cross-checking) 7:30, Allen Car (boarding) 8:05, Wheeler Wpg (hooking) 12:12, Burmistrov Wpg (boarding) 13:07, Kane Wpg (tripping) 17:49.

Second Period
3. Carolina, Staal 20 (Brent, Tlusty) 5:46 (pp)
4. Winnipeg, Miettinen 1 (Kane, Enstrom) 10:29 (pp)
5. Winnipeg, Miettinen 2 (Machacek) 18:54

Penalties — Stuart Wpg (interference) 5:21, Dwyer Car (high-sticking, fighting), Machacek Wpg (roughing, fighting) 6:09, Tlusty Car (hooking) 8:29, Bogosian Wpg (charging, game misconduct; served by Wellwood) 10:41, Ruutu Car (interference) 14:25.

Third Period
6. Carolina, Staal 21 (Jokinen) 10:24
7. Carolina, LaRose 17 (Staal, Jokinen) 18:38

Penalties — None.

Shots on goal by

Carolina	7	9	19	35
Winnipeg	12	7	14	33

Goal — Carolina: Ward (W,26-21-12); Winnipeg: Pavelec (L,27-24-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Carolina: 1-5; Winnipeg: 0-5.
Attendance — 15,004 (15,004).

COYOTES 3, OILERS 2 (SO)

First Period
No Scoring.

Penalties — Yandle Phx, Petrell Edm (fighting) 1:25, Jones Edm (roughing) 4:29, Hanzal Pho (holding the stick) 5:40.

Second Period
1. Edmonton, Eberle 32 (Jones) 6:53
2. Edmonton, Hemsky 6 (Petry, Smid) 7:26

Penalties — None.

Third Period
3. Phoenix, Whitney 22, 7:58
4. Phoenix, Torres 14 (Brule) 17:37

Penalties — None.

Overtime
No Scoring.
Missed penalty shot — Yandle Phx, 2:42.

Penalty — Yandle Phx (kneeing) 0:27, Petry Edm (hooking) 4:21.

Shootout
Phoenix wins 2-1
Phoenix (2) — Boedker, goal; Whitney, goal.
Edmonton (1) — Eberle, miss; Gagner, goal; Nugent-Hopkins, miss.

Shots on goal by

Phoenix	12	12	12	6—42
Edmonton	9	16	12	1—38

Goal — Phoenix: Smith (W,32-18-8); Edmonton: Dubnyk (L,16-17-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Phoenix: 0-2; Edmonton: 0-2.
Attendance — 16,839 (16,839).

BLUE JACKETS 2, FLAMES 1 (SO)

First Period
1. Columbus, Nikitin 5 (Lebda, Boyce) 13:03

Penalties — Giordano Cal (hooking) 7:32, Boll Clb, Desbiens Cal (fighting) 13:10, Moore Clb (hooking) 16:35.

Second Period
No Scoring.

Penalties — Boll Clb (illegal check to head) 6:31, J.Johnson Clb (hooking) 15:42.

Third Period
2. Calgary, Stajan 7 (Glencross, Comeau) 8:34

Penalties — Columbus bench (too many men; served by Prospal) 2:18, Glencross Cal (slashing) 3:45, Dorsett Clb (interference), Glencross Cal (high-sticking) 6:13.

Overtime
No Scoring.

Penalties — None.

Shootout
Columbus wins 1-0
Columbus (1) — Nash, miss; Letestu, miss; J.Johnson, miss; Atkinson, goal.
Calgary (0) — Tanguay, miss; Jokinen, miss, Glencross, miss; Iginla, miss.

Shots on goal by

Columbus	5	3	9	1—18
Calgary	7	16	6	2—31

Goal (shots-saves) — Columbus: Sanford (2-2), Mason (W,12-23-3)(14:37 first, 29-28); Calgary: Kiprusoff (L,31-19-9).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Columbus: 0-2; Calgary: 0-4.
Attendance — 19,289 (19,289).

MLB

SPRING TRAINING

Yesterday's results
St. Louis 4, Atlanta 3
Houston 7, Miami 4
Philadelphia 4, Detroit 3
Minnesota 8, Boston 4
Chicago Cubs 12, Seattle 7
Cleveland 4, L.A. Dodgers 3
Oakland 6, Arizona 5
Cincinnati 1, Chicago White Sox 0
Milwaukee 5, Texas 3
Colorado 4, L.A. Angels 3

Today's games
All times Eastern
Atlanta vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Chicago Cubs (ss) at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
Washington vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 6:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 7:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 7:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Chicago	38	10	.792	—
d-Miami	33	11	.750	3
Orlando	29	18	.617	8½
d-Philadelphia	26	20	.565	11
Indiana	25	18	.581	10½
Atlanta	26	20	.565	11
Boston	24	21	.533	12½
New York	21	24	.467	15½
Milwaukee	20	24	.455	16
Cleveland	17	26	.395	18½
Detroit	16	29	.356	20½
Toronto	15	30	.333	21½
New Jersey	15	32	.319	22½
Washington	10	34	.227	26
Charlotte	7	37	.159	29

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	34	11	.756	—
d-San Antonio	29	14	.674	4
d-L.A. Lakers	28	17	.622	6
L.A. Clippers	26	18	.591	7½
Memphis	25	18	.581	8
Dallas	26	20	.565	8½
Denver	25	20	.556	9
Houston	24	22	.522	10½
Phoenix	23	22	.511	11
Utah	23	22	.511	11
Minnesota	22	24	.478	12½
Portland	21	24	.467	13
Golden State	18	24	.429	14½
Sacramento	16	29	.356	18
New Orleans	11	34	.244	23

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Last night's results
Philadelphia 105, Charlotte 80
Boston 79, Atlanta 76
Cleveland 105, New Jersey 100
Chicago 85, Orlando 59
Minnesota at Golden State
Dallas at Denver

Sunday's results
Atlanta 103, Cleveland 87
L.A. Clippers 87, Detroit 83, OT
Sacramento 115, Minnesota 99
Memphis 97, Washington 92
Miami 91, Orlando 81
Phoenix 99, Houston 86
Utah 103, L.A. Lakers 99
Oklahoma City 111, Portland 95

Tonight's games
All times Eastern
L.A. Clippers at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at New York, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Utah, 9 p.m.
Memphis at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Portland, 10 p.m.

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WEEK 12
Friday, Mar. 23
Philadelphia at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Saturday, Mar. 24
Toronto at Rochester, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Washington at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Sunday, March 25
Colorado at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 8 p.m.

CURLING

WOMEN'S WORLD CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

At Lethbridge, Alta.

Country (Skip)	W	L
Canada (Nedohin)	4	0
South Korea (JS.Kim)	4	1
Sweden (Sigfridsson)	4	1
Germany (A.Schopp)	2	2
Scotland (Muirhead)	2	2
Switzerland (Ott)	2	2
Denmark (Nielsen)	2	2
Czech Republic (Klimova)	2	3
Italy (Gaspari)	2	3
Russia (A.Sidorova)	1	3
China (B.Wang)	1	3
U.S. (Pottinger)	0	4

ROUND ROBIN
Yesterday's results
Sixth Draw
South Korea 7 Scotland 2
Italy 10 Russia 6
Denmark 8 Czech Republic 7
Sweden 10 Germany 4
Seventh Draw
Canada 8 Czech Republic 7
Italy 7 China 5
South Korea 8 U.S. 3
Sweden 7 Switzerland 4
Eighth Draw
Canada vs. Denmark; Switzerland vs. Germany; U.S. vs. Scotland; China vs. Russia.
Today's games
Ninth Draw, 11 a.m.
U.S. vs. Germany; China vs. Denmark; Canada vs. Russia; Switzerland vs. Scotland.
Draw 10, 4 p.m.
Russia vs. Sweden; Scotland vs. Czech Republic; Germany vs. Italy; Denmark vs. South Korea.
Draw 11, 10 p.m.
Czech Republic vs. Switzerland; Sweden vs. Canada; South Korea vs. China; Italy vs. U.S.

SOCCER

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Sunday's results
Colorado 2, Philadelphia 1
Los Angeles 3, D.C. United 1
Friday, March 23
All times Eastern
Houston at Seattle FC, 10 p.m.
Saturday, March 24
San Jose at Toronto FC, 1 p.m.
Portland at New England, 4 p.m.
Montreal at Columbus, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Chivas USA at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
D.C. United at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Sunday, March 25
Colorado at New York, 4 p.m.
FC Dallas at Sporting Kansas City, 7 p.m.

SPAIN

PRIMERA DIVISIÓN

Yesterday's result
Espanyol 3 Racing Santander 1

ITALY

SERIE A

Yesterday's result
Roma 1, Genoa 0

PORTUGAL

Yesterday's result
Gil Vicente 2, Sporting Lisbon 0

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Break out the SPF 50 and the Ray-Ban sunglasses because the Mini Cooper Roadster just arrived.

The two-seat convertible — a first for the Mini brand and a companion to the recently launched Coupe — adds some visual spice to the Mini's broadening model lineup that already includes a four-passenger drop-top. Admittedly, it seems a bit odd that BMW-owned Mini would now have two not-so-distinct convertibles that are constructed off the same platform and share the same mechanical bits. Furthermore, the two-seat Roadster lists for only $300 less than the standard four-place convertible.

Ah, but there's a point that's being overlooked. The Roadster swaps out the rear bench that isn't particularly roomy in the first place for an actual trunk (another Mini first). We're not talking cavernous space here by any means (it has a bit less volume than the Coupe's trunk) but it's enough to store a few decent-sized travel bags or a set or two of golf clubs regardless of whether the top is up or down.

The Roadster's styling is far less controversial than that of the helmet-headed Coupe and it looks better with the roof up than the existing Mini convertible. Combined with a windshield that has been tilted back an additional 13 degrees, the Roadster is one of the best looking of the bunch.

The hair-drying Roadster deserves its sports-car appellation. And, with pricing that ranges from $30,500 to $41,500, consider it an alternative to the league-leading Mazda Miata and an extra-fun way to celebrate the summer season.

Mini Cooper Roadster

- **Type:** Two-door, front-wheel-drive two-seat convertible
- **Engines (hp):** 1.6-litre DOHC I4 (121); 1.6-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (181-208)
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy): 7.2/4.9 (base 1.6)
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $25,000

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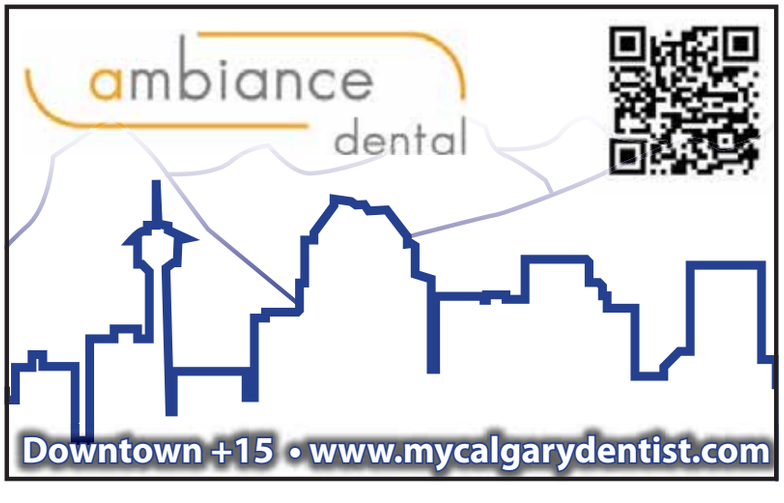

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Wary of going it alone, automakers eye up dance partners

Autopilot

AUTO PILOT
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The messages from some of the automakers at last week's Geneva auto show were somewhat contradictory.

Come look at all this great stuff we're building — way better than that crap the other guys build. Hey other guys, wouldn't mind a bit of help over here…

Just before the show, General Motors and the Peugeot-Citroen group announced an alliance, which will see GM will take a seven per cent share of the French automaker.

The arrangement is not unlike several that have developed over the last decade or so, between other auto titans, who have no intention of merging or allowing one partner to eventually swallow the other.

These new arrangements are all about trying to save costs on huge, global engineering programs.

Basically they're saying, we'll share development costs, because they're crazy expensive, then afterwards, we'll put them in our respective brand offerings and compete against each other like heck.

May the better man win, when it comes to exploiting that technology we both worked on.

With their vast R&D budgets and resources, you'd think most automakers would be big enough on their own, but analysts cite that looming fuel efficiency and emission targets are scaring the pants off some players, especially ones that don't have everything yet lined up in their pipelines.

And no one wants to bet the farm on one emerging technology, be it electric, hybrid, diesel, hydrogen, CNG, etc.

Another incentive to build alliances is to make sure you're not shut out of emerging markets.

A mature market is much harder to penetrate and less profitable. That's one of the reasons Chrysler-Fiat wants its next development dance partner to come from Asia (Mazda? Suzuki?), where it doesn't yet have a big presence.

Another reason is that the European marketplace isn't looking so good for the foreseeable future. Best go somewhere else for growth.

Another enabler of this trend is Volkswagen. The German automaker has gone on record, and made the point again at this year's show in Geneva, that it will spend over $70 billion over the next five years, to become the world's biggest automaker in both sales and profitability by 2018.

Currently standing in its way are GM and Toyota. If you are going to step into a ring with a bulked-up VW, you might want to bulk up a little yourself.

Toyota and BMW recently decided to trade respective technologies (hybrid batteries, diesel engines).

The Nissan-Renault alliance is going strong, and also works with Mercedes-Benz on a couple of projects. Those are just of few of the inter-company initiatives out there. And more will surely come.

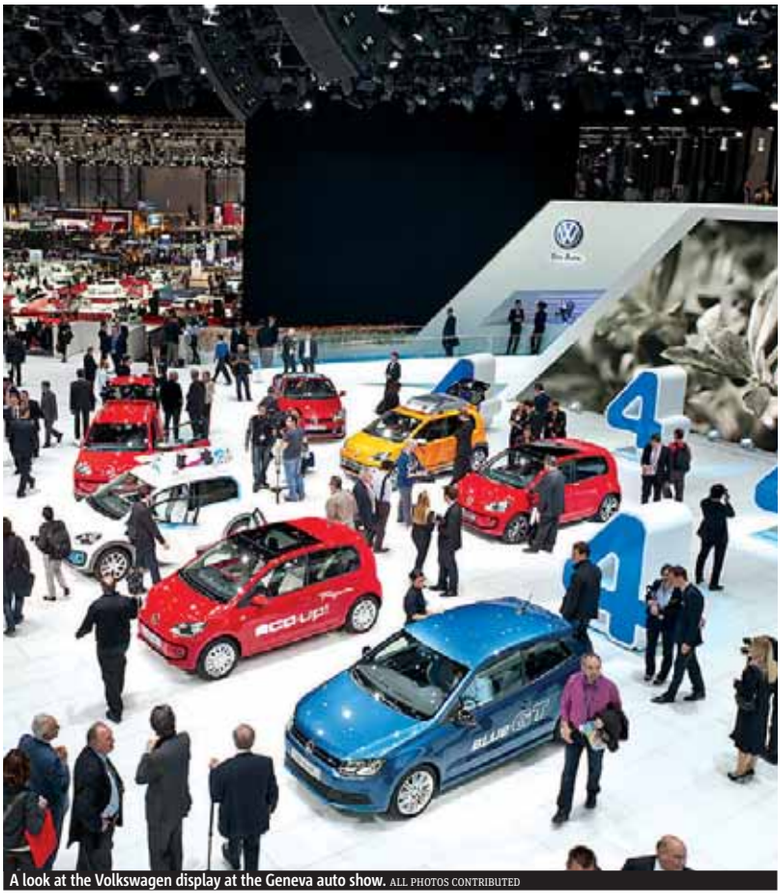
Will this make life harder on the small, quirkier manufacturers? Likely not. It hasn't yet.

The Geneva show was again full of specialty makes with weird ideas. You can't stop creative thought and drive, especially when someone, yet again, wants to build a car company in their vision. So it seems all good.

And it feels strangely hopeful too, and humane even, that some of the biggest companies in the world can figure out a way to work together, and at the same time, compete so fiercely in the marketplace.

It's heart warming … It's life affirming … It's … Hold on … Suddenly feeling verklempt … Please talk amongst yourselves.

A model poses with an Alfa Romeo.



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Aerio offered AWD and solid reliability

Second Gear.
2002 to 2006 Suzuki Aerio Wagon

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The Suzuki Aerio Wagon was a machine that tackled a plethora of tasks exceptionally well — while earning itself a reputation for its high value proposition and access to cheap All Wheel Drive (AWD).

Retired to clear way for the Suzuki SX4 after 2006, the Aerio was aimed at active, value-minded shoppers after a vehicle with plenty of flexibility and space.

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Engine

Power came from four cylinder engines — namely a two-litre, 141 horsepower unit or a 2.3-litre unit with 155. The latter engine was fitted to 2004 and later Aerio models.

What Owners Like

Owners love the surprisingly upscale and high quality feel imparted by the little wagon, and many say their machines are holding up well over the years. All Wheel Drive traction on slippery roads is also highly rated.

What Owners Dislike

Complaints typically centre around quirky styling and a noisy ride at speed.

Common Issues

Have the Aerio's brake system inspected for pad and rotor condition, as many owners say the Aerio wears out braking components at a faster-than-expected rate.

The two-litre engine may emit some lifter noise for a few seconds after startup, though if the sound is persistent, the engine may require expensive replacement lifters. Note that this problem seems focused on 2002 and 2003 models.

Be sure to check out the keyless access system too, as many owners report its failure over time. Finally, budget for a full fluid change and tune-up if you're unsure of the service history of the model you're considering.

Verdict

Common, significant or systematic problems seem to be few and far between. Aerio appears an adequately safe bet for the shopper after some uniqueness, utility, and an inexpensive AWD system.

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Changing the car radio game

Audio. Internet radio is the next best thing in in-car listening

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For drivers using their vehicle as a personal listening space, satellite radio has made terrestrial radio obsolete — but a new breed of 'Internet' radio may make satellite radio a thing of the past, too.

Satellite radio is great. There's plenty of selection. The audio quality is good. You'll never have your listening interrupted to hear about the latest furniture sale or public service announcement about proper hand-washing.

Oh, and you can't drive out of range of a station since the signal is beamed down from space rather than across an expanse of land by an antenna.

But satellite radio, like terrestrial radio, is one-way.

Don't like what you hear? Change the channel.

And when you do, your most favourite song in the universe will come on while you listen to an OK song on another station — meaning you'll miss a chunk of it.

This leads to station anxiety and rapid toggling between numerous station presets to decide where to tune in. The result can be hearing fragments of songs, and it's a real pain in the butt.

But high-selection, in-car listening has advanced — and if you've got a Smartphone and a car stereo with auxiliary or Bluetooth input, that "better" listening experience is a cinch to tap into.

In Canada, the big-dog Internet radio service is called Slacker Radio.

The gist?

Imagine having only a few stations to choose from. Even as few as one. And they only play songs you'll probably like. And if they don't, you can instantly skip a song, or even ban it from playing on your station ever again. Like a song? Give it a 'heart' and you'll hear more of it.

Using Slacker is like having a fancy, DJ-assisted, music-spitting computer program feeding your ears only the tunes they like. And the basic service, which hooked me after trying it on a whim, should prove a more appealing and customized alternative to satellite radio for many.

It's free, too. The free service is fantastic, and two premium services are available optionally for less than your satellite radio subscription.

Using Slacker is as simple as visiting their site (slacker.com), signing up with your email address, selecting a 'seed' list of songs and beginning to listen to music you can enjoy, like or dislike.

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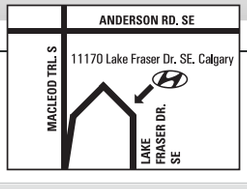

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Red light, green light? Your cellphone could know the answer

A look at SignalGuru in action. PATRICK GILLOOLY, MIT.

Driving Force. Researchers at MIT working on system that could save drivers 20 per cent of fuel

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Red lights are crucial for traffic safety, but they can be hard on your gasoline consumption. Every time you stop for a red light, you use more fuel when idling and getting started again.

Fuel-efficient drivers will try to regulate their speed so they reach the lights as they turn green, but that's not always easy to do. Instead, a project at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) is using cellphone technology to figure out just when your next light is going to change.

Since many people dock their smartphones on the dash for navigation, the researchers used them to devise a system called SignalGuru.

The cellphone cameras, which point at the street when the screen is facing the driver, photograph traffic lights as the vehicle approaches them.

"The camera is used to study the pattern of the traffic signal," says Emmanouil Koukoumidis, visiting researcher at MIT.

"The information is downloaded from the mobile phones of drivers who have been through the intersection. Then we gather and process it, and we do what is called 'machine learning.'"

The collaborative system amasses information about each intersection, using maps and GPS to determine when the vehicle is approaching the traffic light. It then turns on the camera and captures video frames, determining exactly when the light changes from red to green.

Using this information, along with pictures taken previously, SignalGuru "studies the past" to determine the exact time the light will turn green in the future.

"It will know that the intersection is red but it will turn green in 30 seconds, so if you drive at 40 km/h instead of 45 or 50, by the time you hit the intersection it will be green so you can cruise through without stopping," Koukoumidis says.

Using Boston as a model, the researchers calculated that drivers could save 20 per cent of fuel with the system.

The system is currently only a research prototype, although Koukoumidis has been contacted by commercial truck drivers interested in it, since large trucks use equally large amounts of fuel moving away from a stop.

The database could also potentially capture and process other important information such as gas station prices, the location of city buses, or the availability of parking spots.

SignalGuru

- In addition to prompting for specific speeds to reach green lights, SignalGuru could potentially use routing software to send a driver down a side street rather than slow to a crawl in anticipation of a green light.
- Vehicles are responsible for 28 per cent of energy consumption and 32 per cent of CO_2 emissions in the U.S., according to MIT research.

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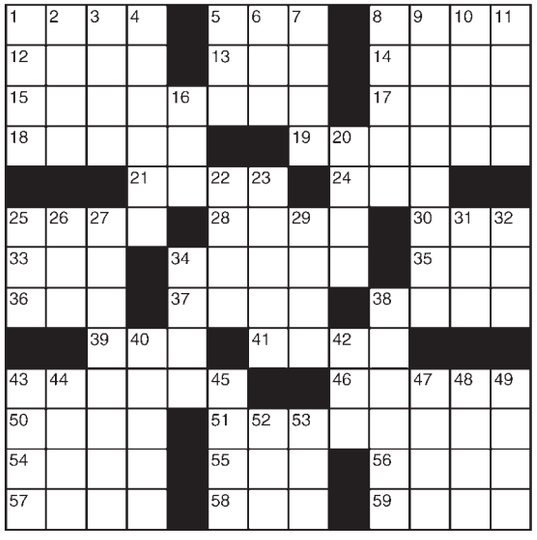

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14 Terrible guy?
15 Approve
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18 Wheel radius
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21 Chantilly, e.g.
24 Understand
25 Initial stake
28 Burn soother
30 Altar affirmative
33 Scoundrel
34 Work dough
35 "— Town"
36 Greek H
37 Pruritus
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41 Melody
43 Riga's land
46 Lightweight wood
50 Sills solo
51 Meeting place
54 Lowly worker
55 "All the Things You —"
56 Muscat's land
57 Huff and puff
58 Louis —
59 "Unh-unh"

Down

1 Go by
2 Memo acronym
3 Gambling mecca
4 Stop the ballcarrier
5 Souvenir from 29-Down
6 Past
7 007
8 Pooh's creator
9 Bad news from the landlord
10 Post-Christmas event
11 Picnic intruders
16 Afternoon social
20 On in years
22 Lacks the skills to
23 Vote into office
25 Expert
26 Enthusiast
27 Force exerted by pulling
29 Aloha Tower site
31 Payable
32 Tramcar load
34 Fuzzy fruit
38 Michael, Diane or Buster
40 — -garde
42 Leno's network
43 Reindeer herder, maybe
44 Vicinity
45 Trojan War hero
47 Prom-night transport
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S	H	R	E	W	■	C	O	O	L	■	■	■
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Sudoku

	6		4		9			2
				2		1		7
				1		6	3	
	1						8	5
			8		7			
8	3						2	
	2	7		8				
9		1		4				
5			9		1		7	

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Monday's answer

2	6	4	5	3	9	1	8	7
7	5	1	6	8	2	4	3	9
9	8	3	7	4	1	5	2	6
1	7	9	3	6	8	2	4	5
5	3	6	2	7	4	9	1	8
4	2	8	1	9	5	7	6	3
6	1	2	8	5	7	3	9	4
3	9	5	4	2	6	8	7	1
8	4	7	9	1	3	6	5	2

Send a kiss

- **Love Birds.** Since you have come into my life I have been so happy. You have given me so much joy. Time spent with you is never boring, we laugh and carry on, we enjoy the same things, thank you for rescuing me. I hope to spend the rest of my days with you. From the blues man
- **AC.** put the two together and feel the electrical vibes racing through our veins. Feel the hope of what tomorrow will bring. Learn from yesterday's experiences. Once again, sending a good night kiss to the lover of my main dreams... heart aches by every beat...sit outside in the dark and enjoy the warm evening night after a thunder shower. FDC
- **MyPet.** Very difficult when in the scene where am reminded of you. Recieving hugs and kisses from you makes me miss you even more.I don't know how to handle it... From lost myself
- **Chad.** I wish i could let you know how much i like you, someday you will know. 2Shy2SayHi

Weather

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Be careful what you ask for today because you won't be able to give it back if you change your mind.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You may find it hard to resist something that's bad for you today. But maybe it's OK to give in to your less disciplined side.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. A friend will have a profound effect on your opinions and beliefs today, but don't go changing your entire outlook on life.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. There is a danger you could make some illogical decisions over the next 24 hours. On the work front, especially, think carefully.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Not everyone sees the world through your eyes and you would do well to remember that fact today.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You may be worried about your money situation but that's OK because it will encourage you to search harder for a solution.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. A relationship is going through major changes at the moment. Don't make any hasty decisions. There's still time for you to decide.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You need to face up to reality and admit that something is wrong. It won't be as painful as you fear.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Changes in the wider world will lead to new opportunities for you personally. Be ready.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Someone you are close to will do something that takes you by surprise. Others think differently.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Things won't happen the way you expect them to over the next 24 hours but if you refuse to worry, everything will come right.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Life is not a zero sum game: There does not have to be a loser every time there is a winner.

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"When it comes to doggie fashion, I think I'm it!"
Rick

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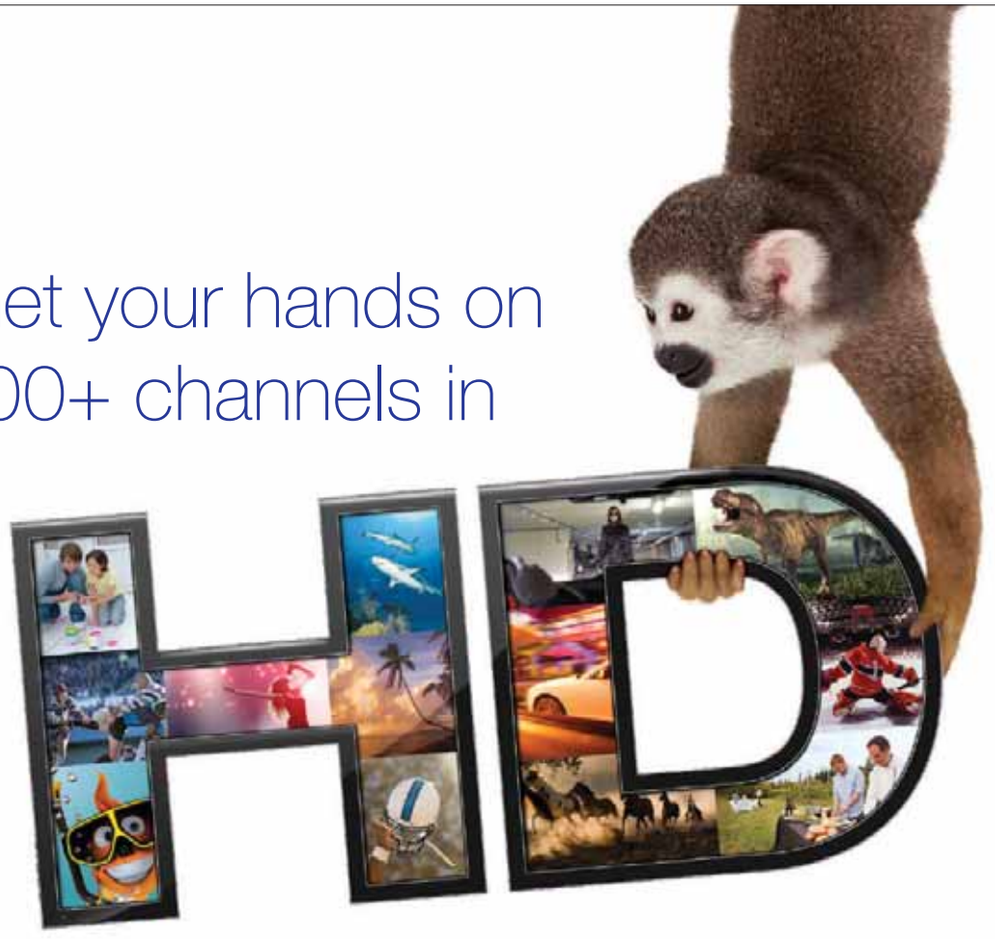

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